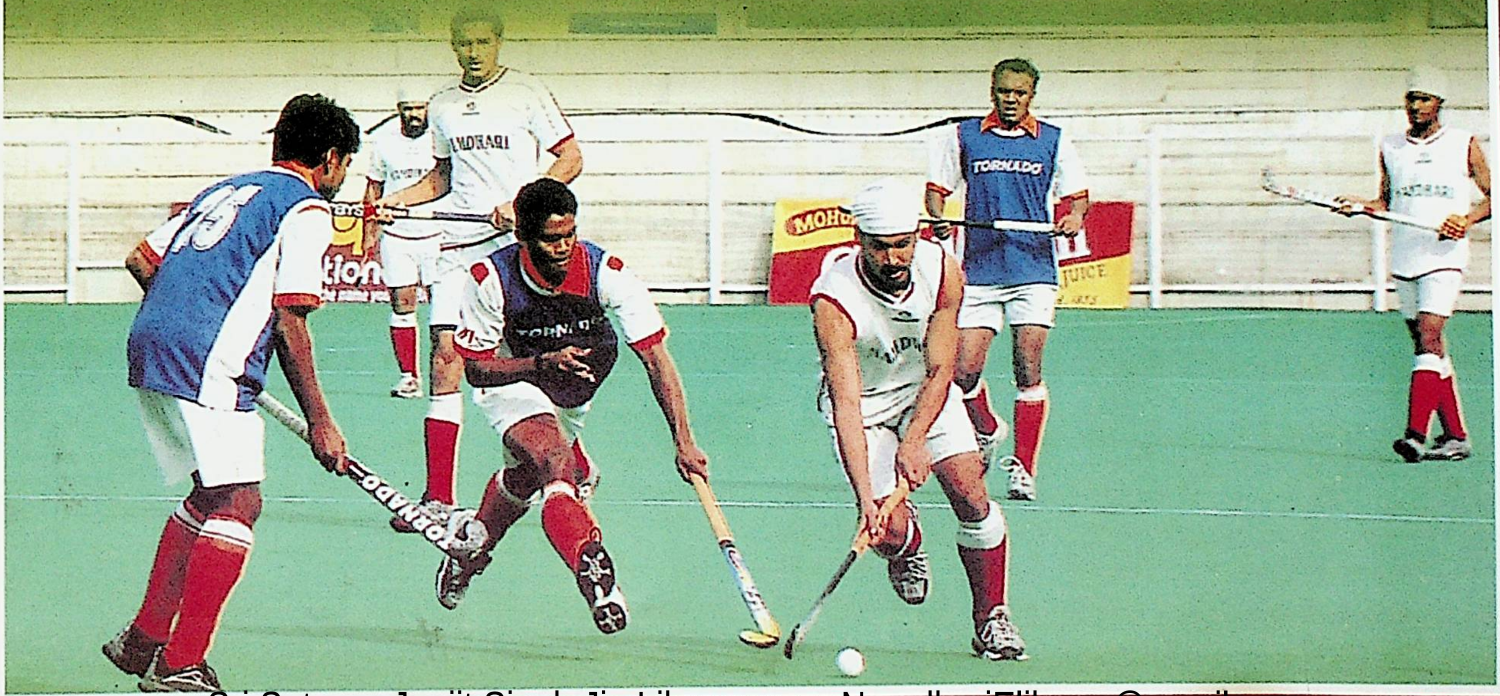
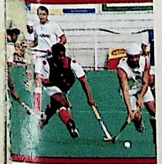
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MAHARAJA RANJIT SINGH

- A Profile -

Maharaja Ranjit Singh was one of the most outstanding rulers of Punjab as also in Indian history. With his exceptional qualities of military leadership, diplomacy and administrative skills, he carved out a mighty kingdom by uniting Punjab from the ruins of petty principalities and different communities at war among themselves. Heir to one of the many petty chiefdoms, he rose to be the ruler of a powerful State extending from the Khyber Pass to the Sutlej. He was proclaimed as the Maharaja in 1801. He was a liberal, merciful, judicious, compassionate and popular ruler, who succeeded in establishing a kingdom in Punjab, without any distinction of religion, caste, colour and creed.

Early Life

Maharaja Ranjit Singh was born at Gujranwala on 13 November 1780 and was initially named Budh singh. He was brought up in a tradition of valour; all his ancestors were renowned warriors. His father Maha Singh, his grandfather Charhat Singh and his great grandfather had all been reputed soldiers. His father ws a chieftain who was in full control of his estate. In fact, at the time of Ranjit Singh's birth, Maha singh was away on a military campaign. He wanted his son to be conqueror and hence he called him Ranjit Singh, the victor of battles. Though young Ranjit Singh had no formal education, he was proficient in Punjabi and Persian.

In his childhood, Ranjit Singh was taken ill with smallpox, the accursed disease of those days. While his life was saved, he lost one of his eyes. However, there was a glow on his face, a halo around his head and an aura of natural majesty about his whole personality.

Ranjit singh was initiated into the art of war by his father Maha Singh. Amir Singh, a professional soldier, gave him training in musketry. Ranjit Singh was very fond of swimming, riding and hunting. At the tender age of ten, he inculcated in himself the qualities of horse riding and shooting which proved to be of great help to him after his father's death. He was endowed with exceptional insights from the very beginning. He wielded the sword with utmost skill. It is said that he killed a lioness when he was only 11 years old. At an early age, he took part in some of the bloodiest battles fought by his father. In his young days, Ranjit Singh was remarkably active, an excellent horseman and well-skilled in everything connected with military feats. He was the foremost in battle and the last in retreat; there is no instance on record of his being ever embarrassed or evincing anything like fear. He was an ideal soldier – strong, active, courageous and enduring.

A Military Genius

Maharaja Ranjit Singh was a born soldier. He was the greatest military genius that Punjab ever produced and one of the greatest that India has ever seen. During his reign, he led nearly 30 expeditions, leaving only about 12 to his Generals to lead for him. In military prudence and the art of conquest, he has often been compared to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and the Mughal Emperor Akbar. The Maharaja was also an astute diplomat who held the spirit of an energetic and adventurous military conqueror. Initiated into the art of diplomacy by his mother and mother-in-law, he was wise, farsighted, skillful and convincing as a mediator. He organized efficient armies for securing peace and order in his territory. He had great powers of endurance and was given to long journeys on horseback and paying surprise visits to distant parts of his dominion enabling him to check on his Governors. The Maharaja recognized the worth of military discipline, which meant orderly and tactical movements whether in attack or defence. Therefore, he employed Europeans to train his army which became his third arm. The creation of the Fauj-I-khas and the other regular brigades of the Punjab Army, trained on the pattern of European discipline but under his direct command, was the best tool which the Maharaja devised to keep the kingdom strong, unified and peaceful. The modernization of his army–a must for the smooth development of the State–took an accelerated pace with the enrolment of French and Italian officers who joined him in 1822 and 1827.

Maharaja Ranjit Singh, as it is evident from his career of victories, had surprising energy and vigour. In will power, determination and endurance, he was unequalled. He was a unique personality who drew people all around him by his personal bravery and ability. As a warrior, he rose to great heights consolidating his empire into a well-ordered Commonwealth of the people.

A Visionary Ruler

During the forty-seven years of his reign, Maharaja Ranjit Singh took systematic care of he peasants who formed 66 per cent of the population, most of them living in the villages. He removed the Zamindars of the former Mughal administration in order to give the land to the people who actually cultivated it. By 1839, about 40 per cent of the cultivators owned their land and a systematic policy of resumption of wastelands and rehabilitation of devastated areas was implemented by the Maharaja. He also promoted the restoration of old canals and the digging of new ones. The King himself used to tour the countryside. Wherever he went he enquired from the peasants about their problems and the conduct and efficiency of their State officers. A sound agrarian policy and a balanced system of revenues formed the backbone of his administration. His concern for the peasantry was deeply personalized for he always regarded



himself as one among them and never forgot his roots. A true son of the soil, he took several measures to improve agriculture and production of foodcrops and revived the prosperity of the Punjab peasantry which had remained suppressed for centuries.

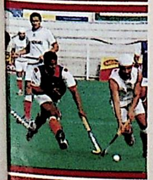
The economic and monetary restructuring of Punjab was a task much more difficult than the conquest of so many cities and provinces. The Maharaja followed it patiently, in the wake of the modernization of British India and the issue of the Company Rupee in 1833-1836. His meeting with Lord William Bentinck, and the Treaty of the Navigation of the Indus in 1832 were partly due to Punjab becoming part of a world economic system with navigation to all the continents.

The prosperity of Punjab during this period came from silver and gold earned from exports as well as from duties on goods transiting through the kingdom. The effect was a growing monetarisation of the economy and some splendid artistic realizations like gilding of the Harmandir Sahib at Amritsar, of the temple of Jawalamukhi and the regilding of the Sonahri Masjid at Lahore.

Apart from a sound government policy which concerned the welfare of his subjects at large, Maharaja Ranjit Singh had a kind, personal approach to the people and he tried to understand their feelings as much as he could and always respected their beliefs. Thus, in 1819, after the conquest and annexation of Kashmir, the Maharaja's foremost concern was how to put Kashmir back to its former prosperity and glory. To deal with the people in Kashmir whose Muslim population was hostile to Sikh rule required a strong hand; at the same time, dealing with day-to-day life and restoring the shawl trade needed soft governance and an amiable policy which the Maharaja pursued with a lot of patience.

A Devout Sikh

A devout Sikh that he was, the Maharaja visited the Harmandir Sahib quite often and listened to the singing of the holy hymns sitting on the floor of the temple complex. It was because of the Maharaja's devotion that the Harmandir Sahib was covered with gold-plated sheets and came to be known as the Swaran Mandir, or the Golden Temple. A gold plate at the entrance to the sanctum sanctorum records: "The Guru was kind enough to allow the privilege of service to the Temple to his humble servant Sri Maharaja Singh Sahib Ranjit Singh." Master craftsmen under the Maharaja's instructions redecorated the Golden Temple, and he himself took a keen interest in the details of the work. The stone inlay and floral decorations were executed by expert Muslim artisans and the murals by painters from the famous Kangra School of Art. In terms of its architectural style, the Golden Temple stands out today as unique and magnificent among all the shrines of India.





Foreword



LT Gen.(Retd) M.S Bhullar
PVSM, VSM
Chairman, Maharaja Ranjit Singh Hockey Tournament

After the initial uncertainty of the Shivaji Stadium not being available due to the pending renovation for the 2010 Commonwealth Games; allotment of the ground on the dates asked for came as a great relief.

Immediately the process for the smooth conduct of the tournament was set into motion. Invitation letters were sent to all the leading teams. IHF was approached to nominate the officials for the efficient running of the tournament.

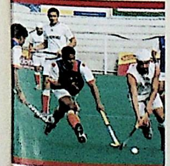
Oriental Bank of Commerce when approached readily agreed to be our main sponsors as in the past. We value and appreciate their willing support.

We were fortunate to have all the leading Indian teams participate in the tournament. However, due to shortage of time we were unable to invite a foreign team.

The tournament is growing from strength to strength. The standard of hockey displayed by all the teams was of high order and the Finals between the IOC and the BPCL was the culmination of the climax; BPCL winning the thriller 5-4 in a sea-saw battle.

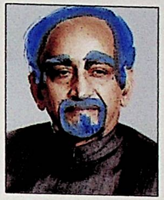
We were able to enlarge the viewership by telecasting direct, the Semi-Finals and the Finals.

We continue to strive for excellence in our effert to make the tournament as one of the best.



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Message



Hamid M Ansari
Vice President of India

Hon'ble vice President of India is happy to know that the Maharaja Ranjit Singh Trust is organizing the Fourth All India Maharaja Ranjit Singh Hockey Tournament during February 18-27, 2009 at Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi.

Vice President of India extends his greetings and good wishes to the organizers and participating teams and wishes the Hockey Tournament all success.

(P.Harish)

New Delhi
23rd December, 2008

Message



K.S. Bains

Overwhelming response from all the leading teams to participate in Maharaja Ranjit Singh Hockey Tournament is an indicator of its growing status. 4th Oriental Bank Maharaja Ranjit Singh Hockey Tournament with high standard of hockey on display has been run efficiently from 18 Feb to 27 Feb 2008.

The tournament is achieving its aim of providing an opportunity to established and potential players to showcase their talent.

My appreciation to the tournament Organising Committee for the thoughtful gesture of remembering and honouring the past legends, namely, Shankar Laxman, Prithipal Singh, Mohinder Lal, Udham Singh, Maj Dhyan Chand and S Gian Singh (International Umpire) by giving away cash prize to the selected players in their names.

It was a matter of great honour for the Trust that Hon'ble Vice President of India, Sh. M Hamid Ansari, The Chief Guest for the finals gave away the prizes.

May the tournament grow from strength to strength.

K.S. Bains
Chairman
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Trust



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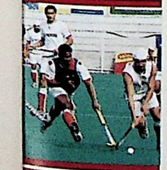
Vikramjit Singh Sahney

It is heartening to note that Maharaja Ranjit Singh Hockey Tournament is gaining in popularity with each passing year. It gives an opportunity to all leading teams of the country to match their talent and skills against each other.

Standard displayed by the teams has been well appreciated by the crowd. The tournament is serving its purpose of throwing up fresh talent. Also the endeavour to look after the players both financially and administratively has drawn a positive feedback from the teams. It is encouraging to know that the tournament was conducted in a smooth and efficient manner. Live telecast of Semi-Finals and Finals by Door Darshan would have enlarged the viewership.

I wish the organizers all success in coming years too.

Vikramjit Singh Sahney
Hony. Secretary General
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Trust



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Message



Alok K. Misra

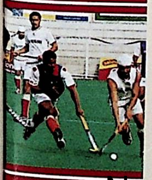
Oriental Bank of Commerce is a front runner in promoting the cause of sports in the country. It is satisfying to note that our continued association with Maharaja Ranjit Singh Trust in sponsoring a hockey tournament in the capital in the name of Sher-e-Punjab is giving all the leading teams of the country a golden opportunity to showcase their talent.

I had the privilege of witnessing the inaugural match of the tournament and was pleased to see the standard of hockey and professional management of the tournament on display. The tournament is gaining in popularity with every passing year. It is heartening to know that quantum of prize money has been substantially increased from this year.

I am confident that the joint efforts by the Oriental Bank of Commerce and Maharaja Ranjit Singh Trust will give Indian Hockey a much needed fillip.

Alok K. Misra
Chairman & Managing Director





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Message



Dr. A.K. Balyan

I am pleased to learn that the 4th Maharaja Ranjit Singh Hockey Tournament was successfully organized at the Shivaji Stadium in New Delhi from 18-27th February, 2008 by the Maharaja Ranjit Singh Trust.

As a responsible Corporate, ONGC has always been at the forefront of promotion of sports and games in the country. I am sure this event would have honed the skills of the participants and generated a lot of enthusiasm amongst the youth to take up the national sport seriously and reclaim India's standing in the arena of International Hockey.

My compliments to the Maharaja Ranjit Singh Trust for a successful organization of the event and to the winning team from Bharat Petroleum Corporation.

Dr. A.K. Balyan
Director (HR)

11th September 2007

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Message



Chandan Roy

I had the privilege of witnessing the Semi-final of 4th All India Maharaja Ranjit Singh Hockey tournament held at Shivaji Stadium during February, 2008.

I was really impressed by the standard of hockey displayed by the distinguished teams and the enthusiasm of the spectators. The tournament was very well organized and I am certain it will contribute a great deal in improving the standard of National Hockey team and attain the lost glory of India in the arena of Hockey.

I congratulate the Organizing Committee of the tournament and wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.

With best wishes,

Chandan Roy
Director (Operations)



Message



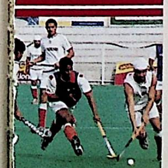
Ashok Shah

It is heartening to know that Maharaja Ranjit Singh Trust, in its endeavour to promote and popularize hockey is annually conducting All India Maharaja Ranjit Singh Hockey Tournament at Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi.

Recent decline in the standard of our National Game is a cause of concern for all of us. Organising national level tournaments in which all the leading teams of the country take part is a step in the right direction. It enables the established and potential players a platform to display and improve their skills.

I appreciate the efforts of the organizers of the tournament and wish them success in its future ventures.

Ashok Shah
Zonal Manager (North Zone)
Life Insurance Corporation of India



Message



Dr. K.C. Chakrabarty

I am very happy to know that 4th Maharaja Ranjit Singh Hockey Tournament in which all the leading teams of the country took part was a grand success. The increase in popularity of the tournament with every passing year is an indicator of smooth and efficient conduct of the tournament.

Declining standard of Indian hockey is a cause for worry. There is a need to organize more such tournaments to provide wider exposure to players.

I wish the organizing Committee all success in its endeavor to promote hockey.

Dr. K.C. Chakrabarty
Chairman & Managing Director
Punjab National Bank

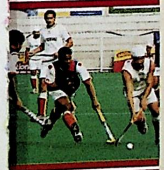


4th Oriental Bank Maharaja Ranjit Singh Hockey Tournament

February 18-27, 2008

Teams Participated

1. Bharat Petroleum
2. Indian Oil Corporation
3. Air India (Mumbai)
4. Air India (North) I.A.
5. Punjab & Sind Bank
6. Namdhari XI
7. Punjab National Bank
8. Army XI
9. Northern Railway
10. Sikh Regimental Centre, Ramgarh
11. D.A.V. College, Jalandhar



Maharaja Ranjit Singh Hockey Tournament

Roll of Honour

	Winners	Runners Up	Chief Guest
1st Maharaja Ranjit Singh Hockey Tournament. 21 Feb – 02 Mar '05	IOC	Indian Airlines	Sh. Praful Patel Minister for Civil Aviation
2nd Maharaja Ranjit Singh Hockey Tournament. 22 Feb – 05 Mar '06	Indian Airlines	BPCL	Sh. Arvinder Singh Lovely Minister of Sports and Education Delhi. Govt.
3rd Maharaja Ranjit Singh Hockey Tournament. 06 Mar – 14 Mar '07	Namdhari XI	IOC	Sh. K.N. Prithvi Raj CMD, OBC
4th Maharaja Ranjit Singh Hockey Tournament. 18 Feb – 27 Feb '08	BPCL	IOC	Sh. M. Hamid Ansari Hon'ble Vice President of India

4th Oriental Bank
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Hockey Tournament

4th Oriental Bank Maharaja Ranjit Singh Hockey Tournament was conducted from 18 Feb to 27 Feb '08 at Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi.

The tournament was once again conducted on knockout cum league format. Seven teams namely BPCL, Indian Airlines, Air India, IOC, Punjab & Sind Bank, Namdhari XI & Punjab National Bank were directly seeded for the league phase. Army XI qualified from the knockout phase to join as the 8th team for league phase.

8 teams were divided in two pools. Pool 1 consisted of Punjab & Sind Bank, IOC, Air India & Army XI while Pool 2 comprised of BPCL, Indian Airlines, Namdhari XI and Punjab National Bank. IOC and Army XI from Pool 1 and BPCL and Indian Airlines from Pool 2 qualified for the semi-finals.

In the first semi-finals BPCL defeated Army XI by 4-0, while in the second semi-finals IOC got the better of fighting Indian Airlines by 4-2.

In a keenly fought and entertaining Finals played on 27 Feb '08, BPCL overcame a dogged IOC by 5-4. It was "on edge of the seat" encounter for spectators where the lead changed hands a number of times. The semi-finals and finals were telecast live by Doordarshan.

Winners of the tournament were given a cash prize of Rs. 1.25 Lac and the Runners Up Rs. 75,000. In addition Rs. 20,000 each were given to the two losing Semi-Finalists. In a first for the tournament, to honour the past legends, cash award was given in their names to the players selected by a nominated Selection Committee. These were :-

- Sh Shankar Laxman Best Goal Keeper Award – A C Kutappa (BPCL) – Rs. 5,000
- Sh Prithipal Singh Best Full Back Award – Sandeep Singh (IA) – Rs. 5,000
- Sh Mohinder Lal Best Half Back Award – Gurpreet Singh (BPCL) Rs. 5,000
- Sh Udham Singh Best Forward Award – Sabu Verkey (BPCL) Rs. 5,000
- Sh Dhyan Chand Player of The Tournament – Hamza Murtba (IOC) Rs. 7,000
- Sh Gian Singh Best Umpire Award – Navtej Singh



Hon'ble Vice President of India, Sh. M. Hamid Ansari gave away the prizes at the Finals. He praised the effort put in by Maharaja Ranjit Singh Trust in promoting hockey. He also expressed his concern on the falling standard of Indian Hockey and desire to take it back to the golden glory days.

Our deep gratitude to our title sponsors, Oriental Bank of Commerce who have always come to our help most willingly to promote the cause of our National Game. Our heartfelt thanks to SAIL, ONGC, NTPC, LIC, PNB, Canaro Resources Ltd, Mohan Meakins, HERAMIC Ltd and Directorate General of Hydrocarbons for their valuable support.

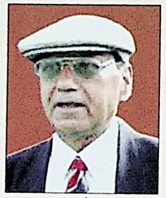
Our acknowledgement to IHF, DHA, NDMC, Delhi Police, BSF for all the assistance provided and to the Army for providing their band for inauguration and the finals and medical assistance for the entire duration of the tournament. Special word of thanks to electronic and print media for their coverage to make the tournament a success. We are indebted to Nehru Hockey Tournament Society for their whole hearted unstinted support.





Major Dhyan Chand

— A Perfectionist



My first association with hockey wizard Major Dhyan Chand dates back to 50s at Meerut when he was posted to Punjab Regimental Centre (PRC) and I was in Sikh Regimental Centre (SRC). The two Centres played practice matches quite often. Dada though retired in 1956 was still looking after the PRC team. The quality I admired most in him was his ability to correct any mistake / weakness noticed in a player by giving personal demonstration – unlike most of the present day coaches.

He was master of all the skills to perfection. While taking a penalty corner he could hand stop the ball and take a strike at the goal himself with precision. He could name a spot in the goal and hit it from top of the 'D' and repeat it any number of times.

Some of his mantras were :-

- Pass the ball to your fellow player at the correct speed and place so that the receiver receives it effortlessly.
- Forwards must make use of the half line for synergy.
- Play your wingers to open the game and split the defence.
- Discourage overheads – they are inaccurate.
- Even if the opponents are weak; score as many goals as you can so that scoring goals becomes a habit.
- A player should be able to play on all sides to understand the game better.

He was a simple, humble, polite, soft spoken and a true example of sportsmanship. A man of action than words. Though simple he was meticulous about his dress.

He was fond of non-veg food and liked to cook himself. A player who was liked not only by his team-mates but praised by his opponents for his sheer artistry. A name synonymous with Indian hockey.

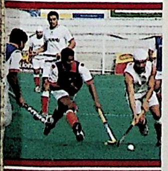
Col. Haripal Kaushik, VrC
Olympian
Life Time Achievement Award



Ranjit Singh Chronology

02-11-1780 to 27-06-1839

November 02, 1780	:	Born at Gujranwala
November 15, 1792	:	Accession
October 25, 1798	:	Shah Zaman's invasion of Lahore
July 07, 1799	:	Capture of Lahore Fort
April 12, 1801	:	Proclaimed the Maharaja of Punjab : Coronation
October 05, 1802	:	Capture of Govindgarh Fort, Amritsar
January 1, 1806	:	Treaty of Friendship with East India Company Metcalfe Mission
March 10, 1807	:	Capture of Kasur
March 15, 1808	:	Conquest of Jammu Tawi by Hukma Singh Chimni
April 25, 1809	:	Treaty of Amritsar
May 21, 1809	:	Ratification of the Treaty by the Governor General, Lord Minto
December 24, 1809	:	Conquest of Kangra
June 01, 1813	:	Koh-I-Noor possessed from Shah Shujah
July 15, 1813	:	Victory at Attock
June 02, 1818	:	Multan captured - Nawab Muzzafar Khan killed
November 19, 1818	:	Maharaja enters Peshawar with Hari Singh Nalwa and Akali Phoola Singh
July 04, 1819	:	Prince Kharak Singh, Akali Phoola Singh enter Srinagar - Capture of Kashmir
March 14, 1823	:	Battle of Naushera - death of Akali Phoola Singh
March 17, 1823	:	Maharaja re-enters Peshawar as victor of Naushera
October 26, 1831	:	Meeting with Lord William Bentick at Rupar
December 26, 1832	:	Navigation convention on the rivers Indus and Sutlej between Maharaja and Company, signed at Lahore
November 29, 1834	:	Supplementary Treaty for establishment of a Toll on the river Indus
December 11, 1836	:	Conquest of Ladakh by Zorawar Singh
March 05, 1837	:	Sir Henry Fane arrives in Amritsar to attend the marriage of Prince Nau Nihal Singh



April 30, 1837	Battle of Jamrud, death of Hari Singh Nalwa
June 26, 1838	Tripartite Treaty - Treaty of Friendship between Maharaja, Shah Shujah and the East India Company, signed at Lahore
July 25, 1838	The Treaty ratified at Simla by the Governor General
September 06, 1838	Prince Duleep Singh born to Rani Jindan, Maharaja's seventh son
October 22, 1838	Punjabi forces cross Khyber Pass under Col. Shaikh Basawan
November 30, 1838	Meeting with Lord Auckland at Ferozepur
June 27, 1839	i) Death at Lahore of Maharaja Ranjit Singh
	ii) Accession of Prince Kharak Singh as Maharaja
January 18, 1841	Accession of Sher Singh
July 15, 1841	Capture of Garo and Iskardu by General Zorawar Singh
August 10, 1843	British conquest of Sind
December 13, 1845	British declaration of war against Punjab
December 13, 1845	Battle of Mudki
December 22, 1845	Battle of Feroze Shah
January 28, 1846	Battle of Aliwal
February 10, 1846	Battle of Sabraon
March 09, 1846	First Treaty of Lahore
March 16, 1846	Treaty with Gulab Singh
December 22, 1846	Second Treaty of Lahore
September 04, 1848	Siege of Multan
November 22, 1848	Battle of Ramnagar
January 13, 1849	Battle of Chillianwala
February 21, 1849	The Annexation of Punjab
August 1, 1863	Death of Rani Jindan at Elvedan Hill, East Anglia, England
October 22, 1893	Death of Maharaja Duleep Singh at Paris

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Lt Gen M.S. Bhullar, Chairman Tournament Organising Committee conducting the Press Conference



Lt Gen M.S. Bhullar presenting welcome boquet to Sh. Alok K Misra, Chairman & Managing Director, Oriental Bank of Commerce at the inauguration of the tourament



Match between Sikh Regimental Centre and DAV College, Jalandhar

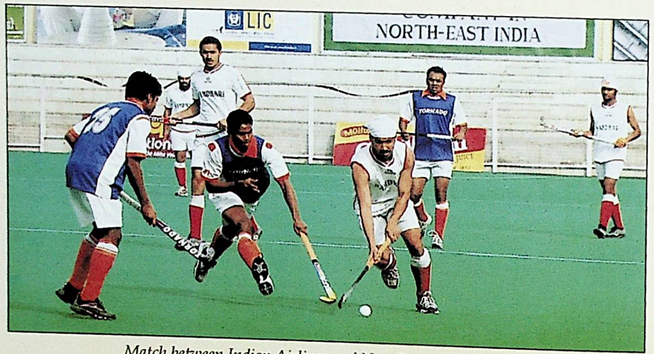


That is a goal. Match between Army XI and DAV College Jalandhar

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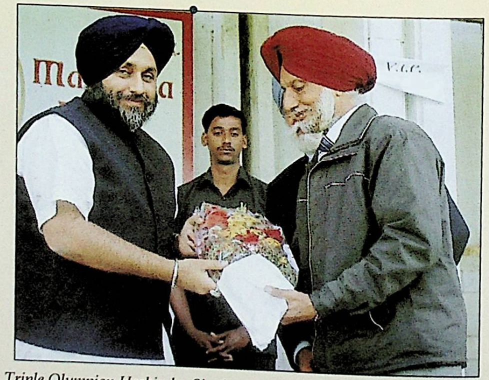
Olympian Dhanraj Pillay being introduced to Sh. H.S. Hanspal, MP



Match between Indian Airlines and Namdhari XI in progress

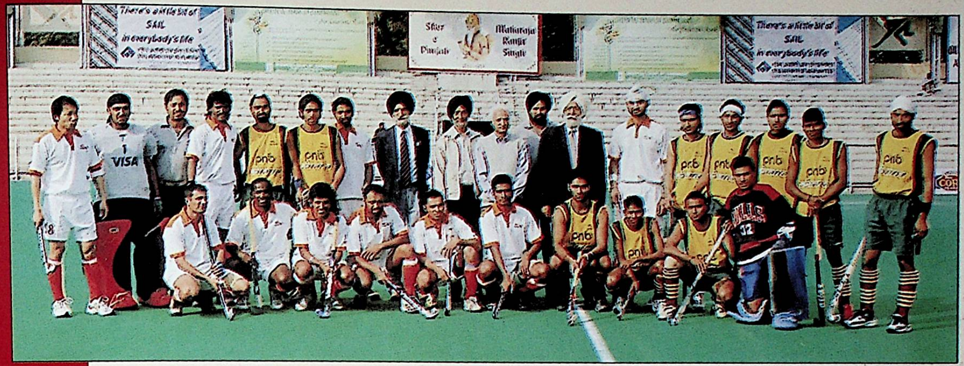


Mr. Rob McInnis, VP, Business Development & Corporate Affairs, Canore Resources Ltd. being introduced to IOC players

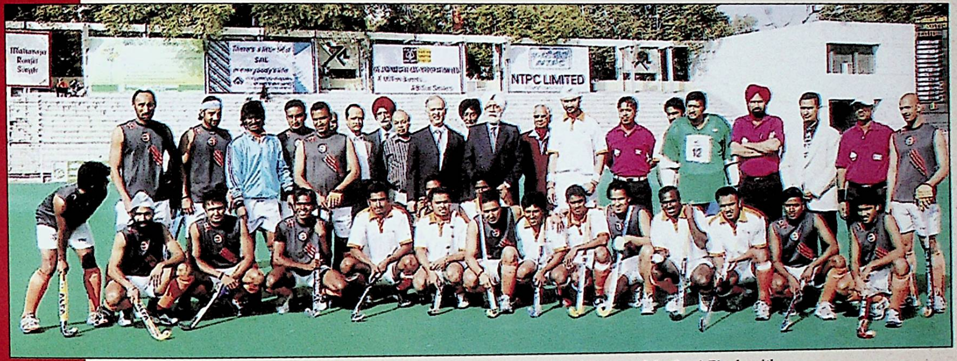


Triple Olympian Harbinder Singh presenting a boquet to Dy CM of Punjab, Sukhbir Singh Badal

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Indian Airlines and PNB teams with Sh. Dilip Tikku, Regional Manager, P&IR, LIC, Chief Guest for the match



Indian Airlines and Indian Oil corporation teams prior to the start of the Semi-Finals with Chief Guest Sh. Chandan Roy, Director Operations, NTPC



Sh. KS Bains - Chairman Maharaja Ranjit Singh Trust, Sh. Chandan Roy, Lt. Gen. M.S. Bhullar, Brig. H.J.S. Chimni, Olympian Harbinder Singh - witnessing the Semi-Finals.





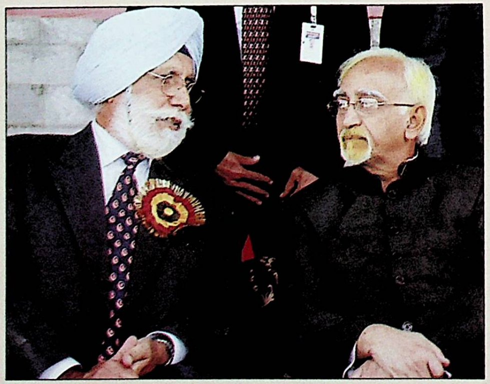
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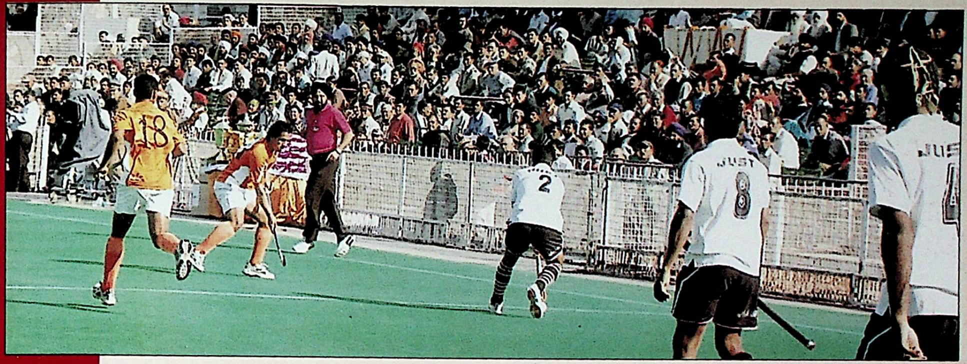
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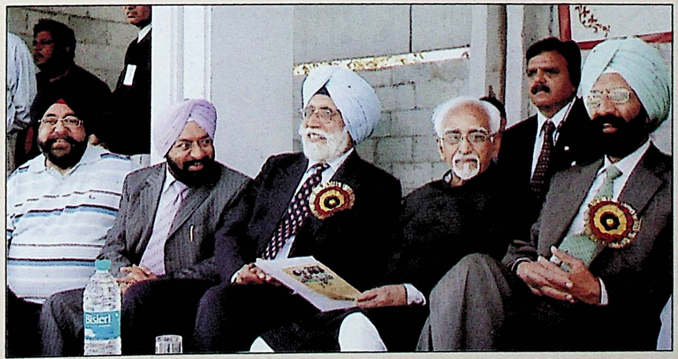
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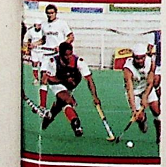
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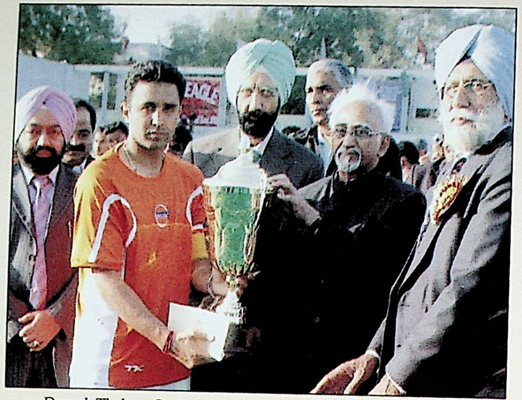


VIP Gallery – Sh. Vikramjit Singh Sahney, Vice President Sh Hamid M. Ansari, Sh. K. S. Bains, Brig (Retd.) H.J.S. Chimni, Olympian Ajitpal Singh



A lighter moment – Sh. Bhupiner Singh Suri, Sh. Vikramjit Singh Sahney, Lt. Gen (Retd.) M S Bhullar, Sh. Hamid M Ansari, The Vice President, Sh. K.S. Bains,





Deepak Thakur, Captain IOC receiving the Runners Up Trophy



Time to present the Winners Trophy



BPCL Manager and players receiving the winners trophy from Sh. Hamid M Ansari, Vice President. Lt Gen. M. S. Bhullar extending a helping hand




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Gurmit Hockey

Express News Service

CHANDIGARH, Oct 2. Punjab State Electricity Board and Punjab Police entered the final of the All India Gurmit Memorial Hockey Tournament.

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Punjab Police and P.S.E.B. in final

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Punjab Police drew first blood when outside-right Charanjit passed the ball to centre-forward Jagdeep Singh who put the ball into the goal in the third minute.

The Namdharis worked as a team and the Punjab forwards could not make inroads into the rival danger zone in the first half. However, in the 22nd minute centre-forward Jagdeep Singh made a solo run and beat the deep defenders and goalkeeper Surinder Singh, but he hit wide.

In the 41st minute Jagdeep again shot wide from close range. Eleven minutes later Jagdeep again failed to convert a pass from left-extreme Surinder Sodhi.

The Namdharis faced the police internationals with determination.

Punjab State Electricity Board and C.R.P.F., Delhi, were goaless at the end of the first half.

In the 53rd and 54th minutes P.S.E.B. got penalty corners. The powermen converted one of them through left-back Kuldeep Singh.

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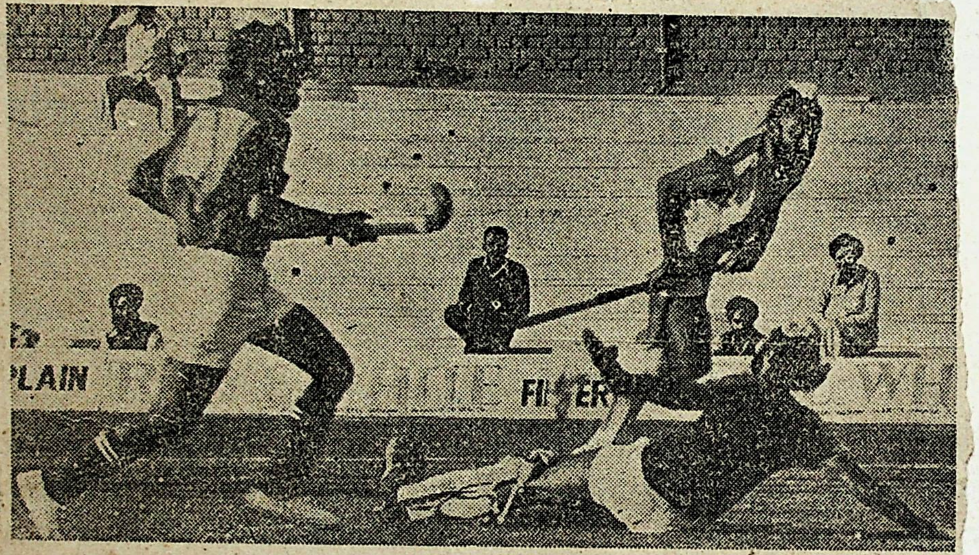
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Tomorrow's fixture: Final between Punjab Police and P.S.E.B., 3 p.m., Hockey Stadium, Sector 13.

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Centre-forward Sukhbir Singh Grewal getting past a sprawling Customs goalkeeper Paramjit Singh, to score the third goal for the Indian Airlines in their second round match of the Nehru hockey tournament in New Delhi on Wednesday.

The following is the team: Rimpi Dhillon, Rajinder, Anita, Harjit, Madhu, Leela, Rajwant (all from Government Girls Higher Secondary School. The Mall. Amritsar) Baljit Harpreet (Government Girls Higher Secondary School. Kairon) Balwinder Mandeep (Government, Girls Higher Secondary School, Nehru Garden, Jullundur), and Bakhsheesh (Government High School, Tanda).

Mr Manjit Singh will be the coach of the team.

HISSAR, Sept 27 — The Chandigarh Police, Kurukshetra University, Indian Tubes Jamshedpur, and hosts Haryana Agricultural University have entered the quarter-final stage of the third All-India Chhajuram Volleyball Tournament being held at the H.A.U. volleyball courts here.

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Four of the five matches held today were decided at the conclusion of the third game itself. Two Delhi teams — the Delhi Police and the Central Secreta-

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The Times of India

Navy waste two strokes, go down to Namdhari XI

Namdhari XI 4, Navy 0
B.E.G., Pune 2, Central Rly. 1

By A Staff Reporter

BOMBAY, May 3.

LOCAL qualifiers — Indian Navy and Central Railway — made a first-round exit from the Bombay Gold Cup hockey tournament at the B.H.A. Stadium today. While Namdhari XI defeated a spirited India Navy 4-0, Bombay Engineering Group, Pune did just enough for a 2-1 victory over Central Railway.

Navy could have easily made a match of it had they converted the two penalty strokes awarded to them. At that stage Namdhari were leading 2-0. Namdhari are a young, hard tackling side. Their basics are good. So too is the teamwork. But for all that, they depended a lot upon individual brilliance to get the goals.

The first half was completely dominated by the winners. Their captain, Baga Singh, displayed fine stickwork to burst through the Navy defence in the sixth minute and then reverse flicked for centre-forward Gurmeet Singh to tap into a vacant goal. Twelve minutes later the action was replayed, the only difference this time being that goalkeeper R. Khandpal did manage to intercept the flick, but not Gurmeet's goalbound push.

Navy fought for all their worth in the second session. The right wing was the more dominant with half Sri Kumar, Arif Siddique and I. Lakra combining well to make the game more balanced. A fast break down the middle gave Navy the first of the two penalty strokes. I. Lakra was fouled by Sukhdev Singh when the latter was about to slam home and umpire Md. Obaidullah had no hesitation in pointing to the spot in the 42nd minute. However, S. Ekka pushed wide.

Again, in the 50th minute, Namdhari goalkeeper Swinder Singh brought down S. Singh and another penalty stroke resulted. This time Swinder easily palmed off Ekka's ill-directed push.

Namdhari celebrated these reprieves with a fine solo goal by Didar Singh in the 70th minute. And then, Balwinder Singh made it 4-0 from a goalmouth melee three minute from the end.

Inside-right Ajit Lakra masterminded B.E.G.'s win over a lacklustre Central Railway outfit. Lakra played a methodical and unruffled game. He was the provider to his colleagues in attack and had to turn scorer when they spurned half-a-dozen chances in the first half. This he did immediately on resumption. Right-winger D. Minz crossed the ball to him and he slammed home past goalkeeper Joe D'Souza from close quarters.

Central Railway were lucky to equalise eight minutes later. B.E.G. goalkeeper Kesar Singh, who showed signs of hesitancy on two earlier occasions, let Sukhdev Singh's hit go between his pads. B.E.G. hit back midway in the half from a fine L. Ekka-Lakra combination, the former pushing past a helpless Joe D'Souza for the matchwinner.



Namdhari XI's Gurmeet Singh scores his second goal with Indian Navy goalkeeper R. Khandpal at his mercy. Defenders J. P. Ekka and S. Singh look on in dismay while Baga Singh watches hopefully.

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संयुक्त वि. वि. जूनियर राष्ट्रीय हाकी स्पर्धा से बाहर

जबलपुर, सोमवार। नगर में जारी जूनियर राष्ट्रीय हाकी चैम्पियनशिप में भाग ले रही संयुक्त विश्वविद्यालय की टीम को उस समय गहरा झटका लगा जब उसके एक खिलाड़ी के कारण आयोजकों ने पूरी टीम को स्पर्धा से बाहर कर दिया। ज्ञात हुआ हैं कि संयुक्त विश्वविद्यालय की ओर नारायण बहादुर नामक खिलाड़ी निर्धारित से अधिक उम्र का होने से यह कदम उठाया गया। इस प्रकार पूल 'बी' से उपरोक्त टीम के बाहर हो जाने से अब क्वार्टर फाइनल अर्हता चक्र हेतु उड़ीसा और कर्नाटक में भिड़ंत होगी।

दूसरी ओर पूल 'जी' के हरयाणा ने आज तमिलनाडु को 1–0 गोल से हराकर क्वार्टर फाइनल नाक आउट चक्र में प्रवेश पा लिया। आज खेले गए अन्य मैचों में आन्ध्र ने बम्बई को 3–2 से, जम्मू और कश्मीर ने मध्य भारत को 2–1 से तथा मणिपुर ने महाराष्ट्र को 5–0 गोलों से हराया। दिल्ली और विदर्भ 1–1 की बराबरी पर रहे।

मंगलवार को रेल्वे स्टेडियम में दोपहर 12 बजे से हैदराबाद विरुद्ध दिल्ली, डेढ़ बजे से मध्यप्रदेश विरुद्ध आंध्र तथा फिर उड़ीसा विरुद्ध कर्नाटक मैच होंगे। राइट टाउन स्टेडियम में दोपहर 2 बजे से तमिलनाडु विरुद्ध राजस्थान तथा 3.30 बजे मणिपुर विरुद्ध चंडीगढ़ मैच होंगे।

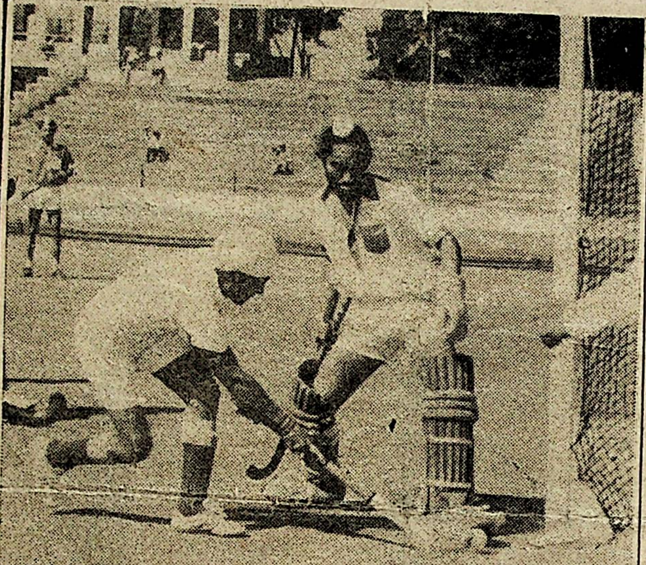


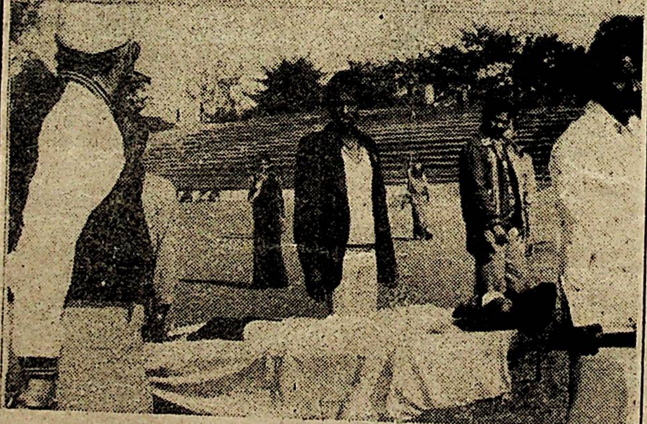
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उत्तरप्रदेश और हरयाणा फाइनल में





जबलपुर। जूनियर राष्ट्रीय हाकी के पहिले सेमीफाइनल मैच के दौरान हरयाणा द्वारा ठोंके गए एक पेनाल्टी कार्नर का दृश्य जिसके तुरन्त बाद गेंद पंजाब के गोलरक्षक के पैड में फंसी और उससे प्राप्त पेनाल्टी स्ट्रोक हरयाणा की जीत का कारण बना। दूसरे चित्र में मारपीट से घायल हरयाणा के खिलाड़ी गुरुमेज को स्टेचर पर ले जाते हुए चिकित्सा दल।

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सेमीफाइनल में पंजाब द्वारा मारपीट

हरयाणा और पंजाब का मुकाबला शुरू में काफी रोचक रहा। विजेताओं ने खेल प्रारंभ होते ही प्रतिद्वंदियों की रक्षा पंक्ति को भेदना शुरू किया। तीसरे ही मिनिट पर प्राप्त पेनाल्टी कार्नर को हरियाणा के दर्शन नें हिट किया, लेकिन गेंद पंजाब के गोलकीपर के पैड में फंस जाने के कारण इस निर्णय को पेनाल्ट्री स्ट्रोक में बदला गया, जिसे चौथे मिनट में सेंटर फारवर्ड गुरुमेज ने गोल में बदल कर हरयाणा को 1-0 की बढ़त दिलाई। पूरे मैच में हरयाणा को 7 पेनाल्टी कार्नर तथा 3 कार्नर और पंजाब को 3 पेनाल्टी कार्नर और 4 कार्नर मिले।

दूसरा सेमी फाइनल भी काफी संघर्ष पूर्ण रहा। मध्यांतर पूर्व उत्त र प्रदेश पूरी तरह मैदान पर छाया रहा। 28 वें मिनट में अनिल शर्मा ने पहिला गोल कर उ. प्र. को बढ़त दिलाई। मध्यांतर के पश्चात जम्मू कश्मीर ने हलचल मचाई और मोहिंदर ने 36 वें मिनिट पर गोल कर मुकाबला 1-1 की बराबरी पर लाया। उ. प्र. ने फिर जोर लगाया और 48 वें मिनट पर अनिल शर्मा ने फिर एक गोल ठोंका जो निर्णायक सिद्ध हुआ।

आज फाइनल

शनिवार को अपरांह 3.15 बजे से फाइनल मुकाबला आई. एच. एफ. के अध्यक्ष श्री इंद्रमोहन महाजन के मुख्य आतिथ्य में हरियाणा विरुद्ध उत्तर प्रदेश खेला जावेगा जिसका आंखो देखा हाल भी आकाशवाणी, जबलपुर प्रसारित करेगी।

इमरान भारत नहीं आयेंगे

दुबई, शुक्रवार। पाकिस्तान की क्रिकेट टीम के कप्तान इमरान खान ने भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच इस वर्ष होने वाली तीन टेस्ट मैचों की पहली वार्षिक श्रृंखला में भाग लेने से इंकार कर दिया है। इमरान ने दुबई के खलीज टाइम्स को एक भेंट में कहा कि उसे काउन्टी और विश्व कप में खेलना है और यह श्रृंखला उसके तुरन्त बाद है फिर मैं लगातार और इतना अधिक क्रिकेट नहीं खेल सकता हूं। उन्होंने कहा कि फिल-हाल में भारत के साथ श्रृंखला की समाप्ति के फौरन बाद आस्ट्रेलिया के विरुद्ध पांच टेस्ट मैचों की श्रृंखला में खेलूंगा।

वेस्ट इंडीज दौरा स्वीकृति हेतु क्रिकेट बोर्ड सक्रिय

बम्बई, शुक्रवार। अखिल भारतीय खेल परिषद द्वारा सरकार से भारतीय क्रिकेट टीम के वेस्ट इंडीज दौरे की स्वीकृति की सिफारिश करने से इंकार कर देने के बाद खटाई में पड़े दौरे को स्वीकृति दिलाने हेतु भारतीय क्रिकेट बोर्ड के मानद सचिव श्री कन्माडिकर प्रधानमंत्री श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी में भेंट करेंगे।

गणतंत्र दिवस हाकी

कटनी, शुक्रवार (नि.प्र.)। लेफ्ट इन अमरदीप के मध्यान्तरपूर्व किए गए गोल से बी. एस. एफ. जलन्धर ने यहां जारी अखिल भारतीय गणतंत्र दिवस हाकी स्पर्धा मे आर्टिलरी सेंटर नासिक को हराकर सेमी फायनल में प्रवेश किया।

शनिवार को इंडियन एयर-लाइन्स दिल्ली विरुद्ध कोर आफ सिग्नल जलंधर तथा बी. एस. एफ. विरुद्ध इंडिपेन्डेंट क्लब जबलपुर सेमीफाइनल मैच होंगे। यू

अफ्रो एशियाई खेलों हेतु अनुकूल प्रतिक्रियाएं मिली

नई दिल्ली, शुक्रवार। आगामी नवम्बर माह में पहिले अफ्रो-एशियाई खेल आयोजन प्रस्ताव पर अफ्रीकी और एशियाई खेल अधिकारियों की अनुकूल प्रतिक्रिया प्राप्त हुई हुई है तथा आयोजन संबंधी अन्य बातें अगले माह

लगाये अथवा

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Mahindras and Air-India bow out of Gold Cup

Namdhari XI 5 (0), Mahindras 4 (0)
Punjab & Sind Bank 1, Air-India 0

By A Staff Reporter

BOMBAY, May 7.

BOMBAY's top two teams, Air-India and Mahindra and Mahindra, were third round casualties in the Bombay Gold Cup hockey tournament at the B.H.A. Stadium here today. While Punjab and Sind Bank knocked out Air-India 1-0, Namdhari XI, Haryana needed the sudden death to quell last year's semi-finalist, Mahindras, at 5-4.

Contrary to expectations, the Namdhari-Mahindra match turned out to be a grim struggle for supremacy. More importantly, Mahindras showed up Namdhari's weakness. As it is, the winners will now meet holder Army Service Corps, Jalandhar in the quarter-final. Punjab and Sind Bank are scheduled to meet Indian Airlines.

Playing without international Marcellus Gomes, John Fernandes and Mark Patterson — they are in the camp for the India probables — Mahindras elected to field Ashok Venkatesh in the key left half position. Namdhari XI concentrated on the right flank which is why Venkatesh had a big role to play in warding off his rivals' attacks. He played his part to perfection in tying down the dangerous Didar Singh. Full backs Ian Ferreira and Bruce Donald also contributed in checking the Namdhari quartet of Gurcharan Singh Jr., Balwinder Singh, Gurmet Singh and Didar Singh.

Surprisingly, Namdhari continued to try and force their way down the right flank, but in vain. Mahindras also missed the services of Francis D'Mello in attack. But they were bolstered by the inclusion of Air-India ex-player Edgar Mascarenhas. But the excellent tackling of the Namdhari half-backs, Gurcharan Singh Jr., Sukhdev Singh and Jaswant Singh, cut short the Mahindra raids.

The fine tackling by both teams was the main reason for the scarcity of moves. Mahindra's right-winger Nitin Ullal had two shots at goal padded off by goalkeeper Swinder Singh in the 16th and 21st minutes. Off the first, Simon Pascal D'Souza and Francis Caldeiro missed with the rebound. The closest Mahindras came to scoring was when Joaquim Carvalho hit over from an indirect penalty-corner in the 23rd minutes of the first half. After this close shave, there were no more penetrating moves.

In the tie-breaker goalkeeper Michael Fernandes brought off three fine saves to keep Mahindras in the reckoning. Sukhvinder Singh Sr. and Sukhvinder Jr. scored. For Mahindras, Agnello Vaz and Joaquim Carvalho were on target with Wilbur Rodrigues a trifle unlucky to see his stroke hit the crosspiece. A goal would have ensured a Mahindra victory. In sudden death, Gurnam Singh, Sukhvinder Sr. and Bhupender Singh found the mark for the winners and Agnello Vaz and Joaquim Carvalho for the losers. Wilbur missed again.

Earlier, Punjab and Sind Bank also had to struggle to down Air-India 1-0. Air-India had more to show for in terms of penalty-corners, but where they suffered was in Edgar Mascarenhas' switching over to Mahindras. The forward line, save for Darryl D'Souza and David Cardoza, lacked big-match experience. Punjab and Sind Bank skipper Rajinder Singh played a 'stop-Darryl-at-any-cost' game successfully to baulk Air-India's main striker. And David played a little deep down to pose much of a threat.

The bankmen struck in the 17th minute from a penalty-corner. Harjeet Singh switched to Harinder Pal Singh and the latter scooped into goal. The Air-India players disputed the goal claiming that the ball was not stopped dead. But umpire Joel Dias obviously thought that a defender had touched the ball before the first crack at goal. Thereafter, though Air-India tried hard, especially in the second half, their efforts were in vain.



Punjab and Sind Bank's Hardeep singh and Air-India's Sean Pereira in a tussle for the ball. The umpire is T. S. Bhullar.

Five marks bettered as Nanda bags another

By A Staff Reporter

BOMBAY, May 7.

NANDA JADHAV eclipsed another record in the Bharat Petroleum sponsored Thane Metropolitan Gymkhana State level athletic meet at the Dadoji Konddeo stadium here today when two more records were set in the girls under 18 section.

Nanda Jadhav won the 1500 metres with her usual ease. She left everybody behind, to come in a time of 4 mins. 52.2 seconds for what was a new record.

Another record came in the 1500 metres for girls under 18. Sarita Jamdar finished in a time of five mins. 14.1 secs. while Shirin Wadia, of St. Thomas Club, shattered the shot put mark with a throw of 9.81 metres.

Sumeet Jain (St. Thomas) in the long jump for boys under 16—5.88 metres, and Fatima Bapai (Bombay YMCA), in the 100 metres for girls under 11 — 15.1 secs. were also among the record-breakers.

MEN

Results:

800 metres: Lancy D'Silva (I. Tax) 1, Glen Rodrigues (St. Thomas) 2, Joseph D'Souza (Bhandup Amateurs) 3. Time: 1:58.6; **200 Metres:** C. M. Patil (Seven Star) 1, Kennedy D'Silva (Bhandup Am.) 2, Joseph D'Souza (Bhandup Am.) 3. Time: 23.2 secs. **10,000m Walk:** Sudhir Katoch (Indian Navy) 1, V. C. Ver[illegible]hese (Fatima S.C.) 2, Joseph Ker[illegible] ([illegible]up Am.) 3. Time: 55:34.0; Disc[illegible]

Kharadi bags treble

8 May — The Indian Post

SPORTS

NAMDHARIS, P&SB ENTER LAST EIGHT

Local glitter fades out

By A Sports Reporter

BOMBAY, May 7

Hopes of the local challenge faded away like sunset in the west as debutant Super League champs Air-India and League and tournament runners-up Mahindra and Mahindra bowed out of the 34th Bombay Gold Cup Hockey Tournament.

At the BHA Stadium today, Punjab & Sind Bank laid low Air-India by a solitary goal while Mahindra were ousted by Namdhari XI via the sudden-death 5-4, when regulation time ended goalless and the tie-breaker score was locked at 2-2.

The winners thus entered the quarter-final stage.

The confident-looking Mahindra held sway through most of the proceedings. It was only in the first 15 minutes that the swift Namdhari XI managed to make inroads into the Mahindra half.

This was a period when frontliners Balwinder and Baga were prodded to great expectations by wingers Didar on the right and left-winger Gurmej. But they never really tested the Mahindra goalkeeper Michael Fernandes who was unreal during the tie-breaker session.

Mahindra could have found the target in the opening minute itself had unmarked Edgar Mascarenhas, who has migrated from Air-India this season, and Nitin Ullal, capitalised on Reginald Pereira's cross from the left.

Another gilt-edged chance was frittered away 15 minutes later. Ullal's try, which rebounded off goalkeeper Swinder's pads, was botched by Mahindra forwards Simon Pascal and Francis Caldeiro missed — Pascal failed to connect while the latter pushed wide.

Mahindra had got into their strides. But prodigality dampened their efforts for a goal. Five minutes later Ullal made a superb effort with a stiff grounder off Caldeiro, which was nonchalantly saved by custodian Swinder.

Pascal was the culprit of many a good move in the second session as Mahindra continued to dominate. Later he was replaced by Phillip Perry. The substitution, however, made little difference as the match faded into a lack-lustre affair.

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Mahindra goalkeeper Michael's superlative efforts in the tie-breaker were in vain. He saved Baga, Bhupender and Gurnam's tries to place his team in an advantageous position. But Nitin Ullal, Ashok Venkat and Wilbur Rodrigues were unsuccessful for Mahindra.

Sukhvinder (Sr) made no mistake on the third attempt of the sudden-death when earlier, Wilbur once again missed the mark by pushing wide.

Namdhari XI meet Army Service Corps, Jalandhar in the quarter-finals.

Punjab & Sind Bank were in fine fettle as they outplayed Air-India. Linkman Hardeep fed frontliners Guruvinder and Jagdeep regularly as they moved menacingly into the rival circle.

A melee soon ensued after their first penalty-corner in the 17th minute. Left-winger Harinder Pal Singh pounced on the spheroid and aimed at the target.

His first attempt was blocked by Martin Fernandes in goal. But the custodian could not recover to thwart Harinder from scoring off the rebound.

Air-India earned seven penalty corners against the P&SB two, but all went abegging.

Air-India were lucky to get away by the slender margin, for P&SB missed many chances that came their way.

The bankmen meet Indian Airlines in the quarter-finals.

5th MAY Indian Express

SPORT

Two-down Namdhari knock out Western

Namdhari XI	3
Western Rly.	2
PSB	2
BEG	0

Express News Service

BOMBAY, May 5.

The citadel fell again in the 18th minute of the game, and Namdhari XI had more than their reputation to defend. Western Railway had raced ahead via two penalty strokes and were still on the hund when a sudden transformation came about, and Namdhari went broke to eventually troop out 3-2 victors and entered the third round of the Bombay Gold Cup Hockey Championship at the BHA Stadium, here, today.

In the other match, Punjab & Sind Bank had the measure of Bombay Engineering Group (Pune) by two goals to nil to also advance to the third round.

Namdhari did not wait to settle down. They launched their attacks early on, but in the process left holes in their backyard when the defenders, too, bristled up during the raids. Western Railway made two counter-attacks, and this was when the Namdhari backyard was unable to contain the rivals' advancement.

In the sixth minute, centre-half Sukhdev Singh stopped with his foot the ball during a penalty-corner effort by the railwaymen, and right-half Jaswant Singh neatly beat custodian Swinder Singh with the stroke.

Western Railway inside-right Ganesh Pillai dribbled past Sukhdev and left-back Gurcharan Singh Sr. across the striking circle in the 18th minute and was well-positioned for a shy at the goal when Gurcharan tripped him with his stick. Jaswant was again on the target with the stroke.

Namdhari, the white-turbaned outfit from Ludhiana are a strange lot. They are strict vegetarians, drink only well water and have brought a cook with them. And they are obviously not used to reverses, being a recently formed team, and are quite popular here. They were on full cry, and their sixth penalty-corner in the first-half cut the margin as Gurcharan Sr. rifled the ball to custodian Abdul Wahid's left in the 21st minute.

Namdhari maintained their superiority in the second-half. But they had to wait till the 29th minute. Left-winger Balwinder Singh right on target with the penalty-corner.

Both teams sighted the goal in the last five minutes, but Western Railway's Chandra Sekhar and the bank's Gurcharan Jr. met with no luck. It was right-winger Didar Singh who got the match-winner with four minutes to go, slamming in off the fourth penalty-corner of the second-half.

In the second match, PSB and BEG fought out a goalless first-half, but centre-forward Hardeep Singh brought off a fine solo to dribble past two defenders and beat custodian Kesar Singh with a diving effort in the 10th minute.

The goal changed the complexion of the game where both teams missed opportunities.

Hardeep was the toast of the PSB camp as he got the brace in the 14th minute, controlling a pass from right-winger S. Bhatia and scoring from a difficult angle.

Hardeep was on his hat-trick chase, and he couldn't have found a better opportunity to complete it. Came a stroke as the custodian dangerously obstructed him. But Hardeep's effort was baulked by the goalkeeper.



88 picked for hockey camp

NEW DELHI, May 5 (UNI)

Eighty eight boys – 46 juniors and ...iors – have be...

5th May Hindostan Times -

Two-down Namdhari XI rally to oust Western Rly.

Namdhari XI 3, Western Rly. 2
Punjab & Sind Bank 2, B.E.G., Pune 0

By A Staff Reporter

BOMBAY, May 5.

NAMDHARI XI showed their fighting qualities today. Down 0-2 in an action-packed first-half second round match of the Bombay Gold Cup hockey tournament against Western Railway, they hit back to prevail at 3-2. In the other match at the B.H.A. Stadium, Punjab and Sind Bank strode to a 2-0 victory over Bombay Engineering Group, Pune.

The ball did not roll kindly for Namdhari XI, an outfit from Sirsa, Haryana, in the first-half. They had Western Railway on the run, but still found themselves 0-2 down within 20 minutes. But give credit to Western Railway. It wasn't that they played badly. They withstood their rivals's onlsaught fairly well. And at the same time they made use of the chances that came their way to go 2-0 up.

Namdhari's game revolved around inside-right Balwinder Singh. He was in the thick of things from the outset. It must have been particularly frustrating for him to see his side go into arrears in the sixth minute from a simple defensive lapse at a time when it was they who seemed like scoring.

Western Railway's outside-left Shailendra Sharma sent in an aimless centre that was going out over the goalline. Defender Gurcharan Singh Sr. chose to intercept it, missed and the ball hit his leg inside the circle leading to a penalty-corner, the first for the railwaymen. Daljinder Singh's hit rebounded off a defender's stick and onto Sukhdev Singh's foot and umpire Peter Menezes rightly pointed towards the spot. Jaswant Singh converted to put Western ahead.

At the other end, Didar Singh and Bhupinder Singh missed a couple of chances. Western made them pay for it in the 19th minute. Inside-right Ganesh Pillay made a dash down the left flank past two defenders only to be brought down in the circle by Sukhvinder Singh Sr. at the cost of a penalty stroke. Again, Jaswant Singh made no mistake and Western Railway were sitting pretty with a 2-0 lead.

Stung to the quick, Namdhari stepped up their efforts. Didar Singh earned them their fourth penalty corner in the 22nd minute when he was blocked by Harmeet Singh. Unlike the previous three, this time captain Baga Singh made a clean stop and Gurcharan Singh Sr. did his bit to sound the boards. Then just before the breather, Western Railway goalkeeper Abdul Wahid showed he was on his toes in blocking a snap shot by Balwinder Singh.

Immediately after the interval, Namdhari levelled through Balwinder Singh who turned Gurmet Singh's cross past goalkeeper Wahid. The match lost much of its excitement after the equaliser and just when the tie-breaker seemed imminent Didar Singh got the matchwinner after Abdul Wahid had padded off Gurcharan Singh's penalty-corner hit.

In sharp contrast to the earlier match, the Punjab and Sind Bank-B.E.G. encounter never rose above mediocrity. Where the bankmen scored over their rivals was in the defence and this told in the end. Punjab and Sind Bank's two internationals, Rajinder Singh and Jagdeep Singh, did not do much of note. For B.E.G. inside-right Ajit Lakra played well, but blotted his copybook when missing quite a few chances that came his way.

After a barren first half, the bankmen struck twice within five minutes, in the 9th and 13th, through Hardeep Singh. Hardeep had earlier missed quite a few chances, especially in the first session. He had the opportunity to score a hat-trick when defender Ranjeet Singh's leg came in the way of his goalbound push. But B.E.G. goalkeeper Keser Singh saved Hardeep Singh's penalty stroke effort.

Punjab and Sind Bank run into Super League champions Air-India and Namdhari face Mahindras, both in the pre-quarter-finals.



Punjab and Sind Bank's Hardeep Singh is foiled by B.E.G. goalkeeper Keser Singh while Gurvinder Singh waits in hope for a crack at goal.

Mohun Bagan set for semi-finals

CALCUTTA, May 5 (PTI): Playing like champions, Federation Cup winners, Mohun Bagan outclassed Mohammedan Sporting from Dhaka by 3-1 in a round robin league match of the J. C. Guha Memorial Football Tournament here today.

The winners, who led by a brace of goals at the half time, thus recorded their sec[illegible] str[illegible] the tour[illegible]

Venkatesh, Bharat cause upsets

By A Staff Reporter

BOMBAY, May 5: Two under 14 players, Venkatesh Iyer and Bharat Seethapaty, cornered the limelight in the United Services Club open juniors' tennis tournament, sponsored by Bharat Petroleum, at the club's courts at Colaba today.

Venkatesh knocked out the third seed in the boys under 16 quarter-finals when he beat Shirish Deshpande, 7-5, 7-6 (7-3), after a grim struggle lasting over two hours. Bharat eclipsed the third seed in the under 14, Rahul Rajan, 6-2, 6-2.

Playing in his first tournament in the Maharashtra summer circuit, Venkatesh underlined his worth by maintaining a high level of consistency and fighting for every point. Bharat avenged a reverse at the hands of Rahul last week by attacking unerringly from the start.

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Budd never gave away prizes, says SAPA

JOHANNESBURG, May 5 (Reuter): South Africa's main news agency today retracted a story which helped get runner Zola Budd into trouble.

The report by the South African Press Association (SAPA) last December said Budd would present prizes at a 10-km road race at Randfontein near Johannesburg. Now SAPA says that was never her intention.

South African-born Budd, who became a British citizen in 1984, has been accused by anti-apartheid campaigners of violating South Africa's exclusion from world sports by participating in the Randfontein race and an earlier one at Brakpan.

Budd has denied the charges, saying she was only a spectator at both events.

In a preview of the Randfontein race, SAPA reported that Budd would be present as a guest of honour and would present prizes. This was based on information supplied by an official of the Randfontein Marathon club, the agency said in a brief statement.

"It was some over-zealous junior official who presumed that, because Zola was going to be there, she was going to present prizes," a SAPA reporter added.

The report was published in the Johannesburg Citizen and has been cited by Budd's detractors as evidence of her alleged participation in the event.

"The information proved to be incorrect," SAPA said in its statement. It noted that subsequent SAPA reports said Budd had attended the race merely as a spectator.

Today's Citizen also referred to the SAPA despatch and said its own reporter had written on January 17 that Budd had not presented any prizes.

DIDAR SINGH GOAL HELPS...

Namdhari derail Western

By The Daily Staff

BOMBAY, May 5

Trailing 0-2 by the 18th minute, Namdhari XI, Ludhiana, made a spirited rally to down Western Railway, Bombay, 3-2, in the second round of the Bombay Gold Cup Hockey Tournament at the BHA Stadium here today.

In another match, Punjab and Sind Bank defeated Bombay Engineering Group, Pune by a brace scored by centre-forward Hardeep Singh in a lacklustre match.

The Ludhiana side dominated proceedings but they missed at least three clear chances to open their account.

On the other hand, Western

Namdhari	3	W. Rly	2
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Railway, who did not have much of a say in the proceedings, accounted for the two strokes that came their way through Jaswant Singh and were 2-0 up by the 18th minute.

In the sixth minute, Daljinder Singh's powerful penalty corner shot was stopped on the goalline by defender Sukhdev Singh with his foot.

Then in the 18th minute, Chandrasekhar fed Ganesh Pillay with a through ball, but Pillay was tripped by Sukhvinder Singh (sr).

During all this time, the attack was concentrated in the Railway half and Namdhari's efforts finally bore fruit in the 21st minute when Gurcharan Singh (sr) found the target from their fourth penalty corner.

The long overdue equaliser came through a field goal four minutes after resumption when Balwinder Singh made capital of a Gurmej Singh pass and scored with a stinging shot leaving A. Wahid stranded in the Railway goal.

Just as the game appeared headed for a draw, Namdhari notched the matchwinner through Didar Singh with five minutes to go for the long whistle.

Following Namdhari's sixth penalty corner, Gurcharan's (sr) shot was blocked by Wahid, who could only effect a feeble clearance, and Didar sent a diagonal shot from 10 yards to beat the 'keeper.

Namdhari XI meet Mahindras next.

Punjab and Sind Bank, though dominating failed to produce good hockey.

Their approach was pedestrian and they won only because the Pune team played very badly.

After a goalless first session, during which they missed two good scoring chances by centre-forwrad Hardeep Singh, PSB finally found the target through Hardeep, who atoned for his earlier lapses, in the 44th minute after being fed by Gurvinder about 20 yards from the goal.

Hardeep moved up, beat an advancing BEG 'keeper Keser Singh and made no mistake this time with an open goal in front of him.

Hardeep consolidated the lead four minutes later when he trapped a Suresh Bhatia free hit and scored, leaving a number of defenders and the 'keeper stranded.

Hardeep could have notched up the first hat-trick of the tournament but his penalty push in the 62nd minute was saved by Keser. The stroke was awarded when he was obstructed by the 'keeper in the box.

BEG came close to scoring thrice—twice Ajit Lakra's powerful hits went just wide of the target and on the third occasion, M. Bage couldn't control the ball after being put through by L. Ekka.

PSB take on local league champions Air-India.



WIDE OFF THE TARGET.... Punjab & Sind Bank right-winger Suresh Bhatia send the ball past the outstretched foot of BEG 'keeper Keser Singh. Centre-forward Hardeep Singh, who accounted for both of PSB's goals, is second from left. Pic. by Sebastian D'Souza.

Ban may stay

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter)

The ban on English soccer clubs playing in Europe could remain in force next season because the British government is not ready to reassure the European Football Union (UEFA) that they are winning the battle against hooliganism.

Poor day for Shirish

By The Daily Staff

BOMBAY, May 5

Shirish Deshpande seeded sixth and third in the Boys' Under-18 and Under-16 ...

16 (q-f): Altaf Merchant bt A. Patkar 6-2, 6-2; Mihir Mankad bt A. Agarwal 6-4, 6-1; U-14 (q-f): Venkatesh Iyer bt J. Halankar 6-0, 6-0; Abhimanyu Sigitia bt K. Kal 6-2, 6-3; B. Seetapathy bt A.

THOMAS, UBER CUPS

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ਖੇਡਾਂ ਦੀ ਦੁਨੀਆਂ

28 ਸਤੰਬਰ 1982

ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਹਾਕੀ ਵਿਚ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਵਿਦਿਅਕ ਜਥੇ ਦੀ ਚੜ੍ਹਤ

ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ, 28 ਸਤੰਬਰ (ਖੇਡ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਨਿਧ)— 12ਵੇਂ ਕੁਲ ਹਿੰਦ ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਯਾਦਗਾਰੀ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੂਰਨਾਮੈਂਟ ਵਿਚ ਅਜ ਦਾ ਦਿਨ ਸਰਸੇ ਦੇ ਯੁਵਾ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀਆਂ ਦਾ ਸੀ।

ਇਥੇ ਸੈਕਟਰ 18 ਦੇ ਹਾਕੀ ਸਟੇਡੀਅਮ ਵਿਚ ਕੇਂਦਰੀ ਸਕੱਤਰੇਤ ਵਿਰੁਧ ਮੈਚ ਵਿਚ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਵਿਦਿਅਕ ਜਥੇ ਨੇ ਸਾਫ ਤੇ ਵਧੀਆਂ ਹਾਕੀ ਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਦਰਸ਼ਨ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਹੋਇਆ ਮੈਚ 6-0 ਗੋਲਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਜਿੱਤ ਲਿਆ। ਅੱਧੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤਕ ਜੇਤੂ ਟੀਮ 2-0 ਗੋਲਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਅੱਗੇ ਸੀ।

ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਇਕ ਮੈਚ ਵਿਚ ਰੋਪੜ ਹਾਕਸ ਨੇ ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਨੇਵੀ (ਵਾਈਟ) ਨੂੰ 2-0 ਗੋਲਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਹਰਾਇਆ ਜਦੋਂ ਕਿ ਨਿਊ ਸਟਾਰ ਕਲੱਬ ਦਿੱਲੀ, ਇੰਡੋ ਤਿਬਤਨ ਬਾਰਡਰ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਨੂੰ ਟਾਈ ਬਰੇਕਰ ਰਾਹੀਂ 7-6 ਗੋਲਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਹਰਾਉਣ ਵਿਚ ਸਫਲ ਰਿਹਾ।

ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਦੇ ਸਾਰੇ ਖਿਡਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਉਮਰ 18 ਸਾਲ ਤੋਂ ਘੱਟ ਸੀ ਪਰ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਖੇਡ ਏਨੀ ਵਧੀਆ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਕੇਂਦਰੀ ਸਕੱਤਰੇਤ, ਦਿੱਲੀ ਦੇ ਖਿਡਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਪਹਿਲੇ ਅੱਧ ਵਿਚ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਗੋਲ ਦੇ ਨੇੜੇ ਪਹੁੰਚਣ ਦਾ ਮੌਕਾ ਹੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਮਿਲਿਆ।

ਵਿਦਿਅਕ ਜਥੇ ਵਲੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਗੋਲ ਲੈਫਟ-ਇਨ ਬੱਗਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਕੀਤਾ। ਅਗਲਾ ਗੋਲ ਮੈਚ ਦੇ 34ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ 'ਚ ਸੈਂਟਰ ਫਾਰਵਰਡ ਗੁਰਮੇਜ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਸੰਭਵ ਬਣਾਇਆ।

ਦੂਜੇ ਅੱਧ ਵਿਚ ਗੋਲ 46ਵੇਂ, 54ਵੇਂ, 59ਵੇਂ ਤੇ 69ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ। ਇਹ ਕਰਮਵਾਰ ਬੱਗਾ ਸਿੰਘ, ਲੈਫਟ ਆਊਟ ਜਸਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ, ਗੁਰਮੇਜ ਸਿੰਘ ਤੇ ਰਾਈਟ ਆਊਟ ਦਰਸ਼ਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਕੀਤੇ।

ਰੋਪੜ ਹਾਕਸ-ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਨੇਵੀ ਵਿਚਾਲੇ ਮੈਚ 'ਚ ਜੇਤੂ ਟੀਮ ਵਲੋਂ ਸੈਂਟਰ ਫਾਰਵਰਡ ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਤੇ ਸੈਂਟਰ ਹਾਫ ਹਰਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਗੋਲ ਠੋਕੇ।

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Young Namdharis' day in Gurmit Hockey

By Our Sports Reporter

CHANDIGARH. Sept 28 — It was young Namdharis' day in the 12th All-India Gurmit Memorial Hockey Tournament at the Sector 18 Hockey Stadium here today.

They displayed neat, soft and vintage hockey to rout their much experienced opponents, Central Secretariat, 6-0 after leading 2-0 at the breather.

The youngsters, dressed in "churidar short pants" and sporting white turbans, outplayed opponents in speed, skill and stamina to record the biggest win of the tournament so far.

Earlier, Ropar Hawks blanked Indian Navy (Whites) 2-0 while New Stars Club, Delhi, stroked out Indo-Tibetan Border Police 7-6 via tie-breaker. Earlier the two teams were engaged in a goalless draw.

Namdhari Vidayak Jatha, comprising players below 18 years, started on a fast note The forward line moved in a rhythm followed by the halfline. For most of the time in the first half, Delhi boys could hardly have a look at the Namdharis' goal.

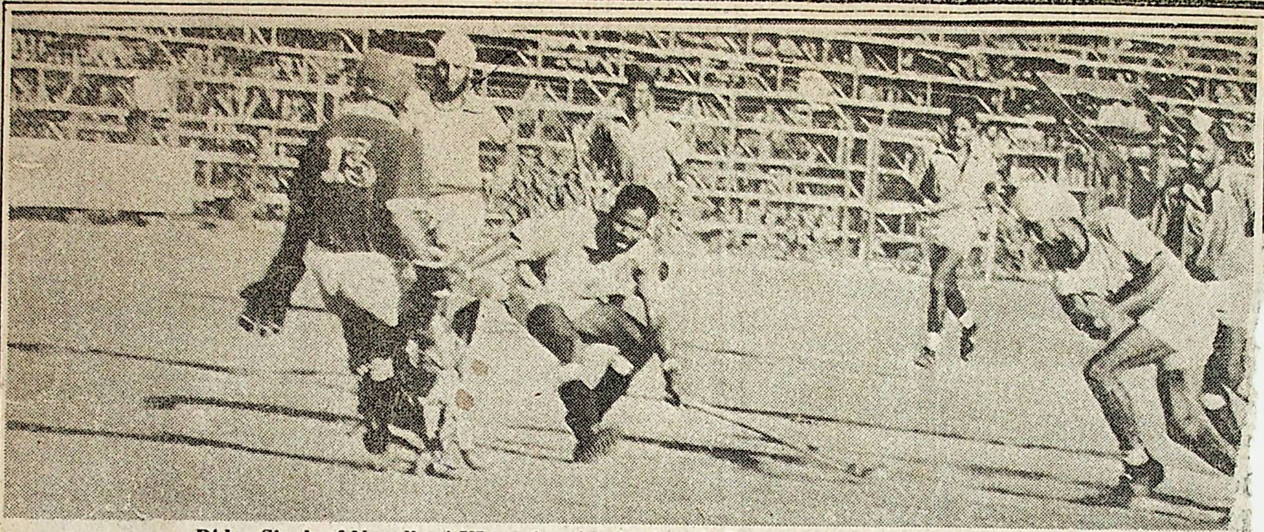
The youngsters, on the other hand, forced five penalty corners in quick succession and could not take the sixth which came their way just before the gong sounded for the breather. From the fourth penalty corner, it was inside-left Bagga Singh who sounded the board with a rasping drive from the "D" top. In the 34th minute, centre-forward Gurmej Singh made it 2-0.

Bagga Singh (penalty stroke 46th minute), left-extreme Jaswant Singh (short corner 54th minute), Gurmej Singh (59th minute from a long corner) and right-extreme Darshan Singh (69th minute) were the scorers in the second half.

Centre-forward Gurmit Singh (17th minute) and centre-half Hardeep Singh (66th minute) were the scorers as Ropar Hawks defeated Indian Navy (Whites) in the opening match.

It was a story of missed chances in the match between Indo-Tibetan Border Police and New Stars Club, Delhi. The two teams muffed several field scoring chances. The issue had ultimately to be resolved by applying the tie-breaker rule.

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Didar Singh of Namdhari XI scoring the third goal. Express photo by Ramadhin Rai.

BEG BRUSH ASIDE CENTRAL RAILWAY

Namdhari off to a flying start

By A Staff Reporter

BOMBAY, May 3.

Namdhari XI crashed into the second round of the Bombay Gold Cup Hockey Championship with a resounding 4-0 win over local challengers Indian Navy at the BHA Stadium today.

In an earlier match, Bombay Engineering Group (Pune) defeated another local outfit Central Railway by the odd goal in three.

Namdhari, a young side from Ludhiana, led by two goals at the breather, and whatever hopes the sailors may have had of saving the day were crushed when they missed two penalty strokes early after the change of ends.

Namdhari XI	**4**
Indian Navy	**0**
BEG (Pune)	**2**
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Centre-forward Gurmeet Singh gave a stand-out performance in the first-half scoring both the goals. The first came in the sixth minute when he turned in the ball after skipper Bagga Singh had crossed from the right, and the second, was scored in the 18th minute, in similar fashion, Bagga having a hand again.

Navy led sway in the second-half, and their efforts were not fairly baulked by the Namdhari defenders. Came two strokes, and centre-half S. Ekka muffed both, in the eighth and 11th minutes, respectively. Substitute Kamgar had brought down Gurmeet and Sukhdev Singh had fouled I. Lakra.

The white turbaned Namdhari players, methodical in approach, superior in skills, and sharp on the ball, rode on Navy's grief and stormed their citadel again. Navy's fate was sealed in the 25th minute when right-winger Didar Singh scored the third goal off a solo effort, and Navy were truly torpedoed when inside-right Balwinder Singh slammed home three minutes from the end.

In the first match, Central Railway did well to hold the stronger Pune side goalless in the first-half.

B.E.G. shot ahead in the very first minute of the second-half as inside-right Ajit Lakra struck after D. Minz had crossed from the right. But nine minutes later Central Railway restored parity when inside-right Sukhdev Singh rifled the ball through the pads of the rival custodian following a Raju-Atul Ram move.

B.E.G. eventually earned the passage into the next round with L. Ekka finding the winner in the 15th minute off a fine combination with Lakra.

The turnout for the city's prestigious tournament gets impressive day by day. But a major hurdle is not some parts in the stands, which are obviously the result of 11th-hour preparations, nor is it the pitch, which was expected to be treated better. It is the entrance to the stadium itelf. Old faithfuls and registered players who know the way to the venue oblige by their presence for the sake of the game as well as for old times' sake.

Old timers talk of the days when they religiously made it to the BHA and encouraged the future stars. But it would be better, they say if the BHA had a gate on the east side and not just two on the south which are not gates but hollows in the wall.

Perhaps the bigwigs at that time (some of them are still on the reins) failed to see much ahead. A corner of the Wankhede Stadium that makes way for the two east side gates is said to belong to the BHA Stadium. But Mr. Wankhede was particular about facile access to his brainchild. This was done with a certain consideration – he gave the then BHA chief and a few others membership to the Garware Club House. There is a portion missing from the original BHA plan, according to a BHA source.

BAAB probing Zola affair

JOHANNESBURG, May 1 (R)

Lawyers have begun gathering evidence for the British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) investigation into allegations that Zola Budd took part in South African events.

They turned up at a Johannesburg cross-country event on Saturday to question South African athletes about Budd's alleged participation in two meetings last year in defiance of an international ban.

Among those who gave statements to the lawyers was runner Agnes Berger, who closely resembles the South African-born Budd, and Budd's ex-coach Fanie Van Zijl.

On April 16 the International Amateur Athletic Federation called on Britain to suspend Budd for 12 months because of her involvement in races in South Africa last year.

The BAAB responded a week ago by setting up a committee of inquiry to investigate the case against Budd, who became a British citizen in 1984, and to report back by May 21.

South African lawyers acting for the BAAB are trying to establish precisely what Budd did at a cross-countyr race at Brakpan last June and the annual new year's eve 10-km road race at Randfontein, west of Johannesburg.

Budd is reported to have attended both events as a guest of Van Zijl, a former Mayor of Randfontein, and is alleged to have taken part in prize-giving at Randfontein.

Fred Opperman, one of the Randfontein organisers, denied Budd took part in the prize-giving at Randfontein. "When it was learnt that she was present, she was given a cheer and people asked for her autograph," he stated.

"I was told to protect her from the enthusiastic crowd, which I did. She was not part of the prize-giving," Opperman told reporters.

According to eyewiteness accounts, Budd was a spectator at the Brakpan event, a minor Transvaal cross-country league race, in which Van Zijl's wife and son took part.

Budd jogged around in a track suit and chatted with friends, they said. Agnes Berger competed in the race. "I have often been taken for Zola ... in fact I have been getting a little tired of it so I have begun growing my hair long," she told reporters.

The Tribune 3-10-82

Punjab Police and P.S.E.B. in final

By Our Sports Reporter

CHANDIGARH, Oct 2 — Punjab Police and Punjab State Electricity Board moved into the final of the 12th All-India Gurmit Memorial Hockey Tournament at the Hockey Stadium here today.

The policemen defeated the Namdhari Vidayak Jatha by a solitary goal while Punjab State Electricity Board stroked out C.R.P.F., Delhi, (15-13) in the semi-finals. P.S.E.B. and C.R.P.F. were locked 1-1 at full-time.

Punjab Police drew first blood when outside-right Charanjit passed the ball to centre-forward Jagdeep Singh who put the ball into the goal in the third minute.

The Namdharis worked as a team and the Punjab forwards could not make inroads into the rival danger zone in the first half. However, in the 22nd minute centre-forward Jagdeep Singh made a solo run and beat the deep defenders and goalkeeper Surinder Singh, but he hit wide.

In the 41st minute Jagdeep again shot wide from close range. Eleven minutes later Jagdeep again failed to convert a pass from left-extreme Surinder Sodhi.

The Namdharis faced the police internationals with determination.

Punjab State Electricity Board and C.R.P.F., Delhi, were goaless at the end of the first half.

In the 53rd and 54th minutes P.S.E.B. got penalty corners. The powermen converted one of them through left-back Kuldeep Singh.

In the 60th minute left-half H. Kajur received a pass near the 'D'. He dribbled past left-full Kuldeep and scored to restore parity.

At the end of full-time both teams were locked 1-1.

The P.S.E.B. emerged 15-13 winners via the tie-breaker.

The scorers for P.S.E.B. were Harjit and Kuldip (four each), Wazir Chand (three) Paramjit (two) and Kiran Kumar (one). The scorers for C.R.P.F. were Jasbir and Kajur (four each), Orio (two) and P. S. Bara and M. S. Kajur (one each).

Tomorrow's fixture: Final between Punjab Police and P.S.E.B., 3 p.m., Hockey Stadium, Sector 18

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ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ, 30 ਸਤੰਬਰ (ਸੰਘੀ) : ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੁਲਸ ਟੀਮ ਨੇ ਅੱਜ ਇਥੇ ਕਪੂਰਥਲਾ ਅਕਾਊਂਟਸ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਨੂੰ ਟਾਈ-ਬਰੇਕਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ ਤੇ 8-7 ਗੋਲਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਪਛਾੜਕੇ 12ਵੀਂ ਸਰਬ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਮੈਮੋਰੀਅਲ ਹਾਕੀ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਯੋਗਤਾ ਦੇ ਸੈਮੀ ਫਾਈਨਲ ਵਿਚ ਪ੍ਰਵੇਸ਼ ਕਰ ਲਿਆ। ਖੇਡ ਸਮਾਪਤੀ ਤਕ ਦੋਵੇਂ ਟੀਮਾਂ 1-1 ਗੋਲ ਤੇ ਬਰਾਬਰ ਸਨ। ਜੇਤੂ ਟੀਮ ਵਲੋਂ ਗੁਰਮੇਲ ਤੇ ਸੁਰਿੰਦਰ,ਚਰਨਜੀਤ ਨੇ 2-2, ਬਲਜੀਤ ਅਤੇ ਜਗਦੀਪ ਨੇ 1-1 ਗੋਲ ਕੀਤਾ। ਹਾਰੀ ਟੀਮ ਵਲੋਂ ਅਸ਼ੋਕ ਤੇ ਕੁਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਨੇ 2-2, ਬਲਵਿੰਦਰ, ਜਤਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਨੇ 1-1 ਗੋਲ ਦਾਗਿਆ।

ਇਕ ਹੋਰ ਮੈਚ ਵਿਚ ਏ. ਐਸ. ਸੀ. ਜਲੰਧਰ ਨੇ ਨਿਊ ਸਟਾਰ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਨੂੰ 7-1 ਗੋਲਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਰੌਂਦ ਕੇ ਕੁਆਰਟਰ ਫਾਈਨਲ ਵਿਚ ਪ੍ਰਵੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤਾ। ਸੈਮੀ-ਫਾਈਨਲ ਵਿਚ ਪੁੱਜਣ ਲਈ ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੀ. ਆਰ. ਪੀ. ਐਫ. ਦਿੱਲੀ ਨਾਲ ਭਿੜਨਾ ਪਏਗਾ। ਅੱਜ ਏ. ਐਸ. ਸੀ. ਵਲੋਂ ਰਾਵਤ ਅਤੇ ਐਮ. ਟਿੱਗਾ ਨੇ 2-2, ਬੱਗਾ, ਲਾਕੜਾ ਅਤੇ ਬਾਂਗੜਾ ਨੇ 1-1 ਗੋਲ ਕੀਤੇ, ਜਦ ਕਿ ਹਾਰੀ ਟੀਮ ਵਲੋਂ ਸਤੀਸ਼ ਟਿਵਾਣਾ ਨੇ 1 ਮਾਤਰ ਗੋਲ ਕੀਤਾ।

ਅੱਜ ਇਥੇ ਸ਼ਾਮ ਨੂੰ ਖੇਡੇ ਗਏ ਇਕ ਮੈਚ ਵਿਚ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਜਥਾ ਭੈਣੀ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਨੇ ਈ. ਐਸ. ਈ. ਜਲੰਧਰ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਨੂੰ 4-1 ਦੇ ਸਕੋਰ ਨਾਲ ਹਰਾਇਆ। ਜੇਤੂ ਟੀਮ ਵਲੋਂ ਗੁਰਮੇਜ ਸਿੰਘ, ਦੀਦਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ, ਗੁਰਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਜਸਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਗੋਲ ਕੀਤੇ। ਇਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਭੈਣੀ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਸੈਮੀਫ਼ਾਈਨਲ ਵਿਚ ਪੁਜ ਗਈ ਹੈ।

ਅੱਜ ਖੇਡੇ ਗਏ ਇਕ ਹੋਰ ਮੈਚ ਵਿਚ ਟਾਈ ਬਰੇਕਰ ਦੀ ਮਦਦ ਨਾਲ ਉਤਰੀ ਰੇਲਵੇ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਨੇ ਰੋਪੜ ਹਾਕਸ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਨੂੰ 7-6 ਦੇ ਸਕੋਰ ਨਾਲ ਹਰਾ-ਇਆ। ਖੇਡ ਖਤਮ ਹੋਣ ਤਕ ਦੋਵੇਂ ਟੀਮਾਂ 1-1 ਦੇ ਸਕੋਰ ਨਾਲ ਬਰਾਬਰ ਸਨ। ਹੁਣ ਸੈਮੀਫਾਈਨਲ ਵਿਚ ਪੁਜਣ ਲਈ ਉਤਰੀ ਰੇਲਵੇ ਦਾ ਮੁਕਾਬਲਾ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਰਾਜ ਬਿਜਲੀ ਬੋਰਡ ਨਾਲ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

The Tribune 30-9-82

Namdharis stun E.M.E. on way to semis

By Our Sports Reporter

CHANDIGARH. Sept 30 — Young Namdharis continued their toppling spree in the 12th All-India Gurmit Memorial Hockey Tournament ousting fancied E.M.E. 4-1 in a quarter-final match at the Sector 18 Hockey Stadium here this evening.

Earlier, Punjab Police stroked out Kapurthala Accounts 8-7 after the two teams were locked 1-1 at the end of the stipulated period. Now the policemen will face young Namdharis in the semi-finals on Saturday.

After a barren first half, the Namdhari Vidayak Jatha called the tune shortly after the game begun in the second half. In the 42nd minute, centre-half Sukhdev initiated a fine move from the centre-line before feeding the ball to outside-right Dildar Singh who passed the ball to unmarked centre forward Gurmej Singh. Gurmej dribbled past the E.M.E. custodian to slam the ball home. A minute later, Didar scored a gem of a goal from a solo effort. Right fullback Gurdip Singh consolidated the lead in the 52nd minute by converting a penalty corner.

Trailing 0-3, E.M. E. reduced the margin in the 54th minute when right-extreme Kiro scored. It did not take long for Namdharis— trained by Satguru Jagjit Singh— to consolidate the lead again. It was right winger Didar who did the ground work and left the final touches for the left-extreme Jasminder Singh to complete the tally in the 55th minute.

Punjab Police gave insipid display in their match against unknown Kapurthala Accountsmen The accountsmen went ahead in the 10th minute when Jatinder Pal scored from a penalty corner. The policemen had to wait until the 55th minute to get the equaliser from a penalty corner rebound when left-extreme Swinder Singh scored. After the two teams failed to resolve the 1-1 deadlock, tie-breaker was enforced.

Baljit, Surinder and Jagdeep (one each). Gurmail and Charanjit Kumar (2 each) scored for the policemen while Ashok and Kulwinder (two each), Balwinder and Jagtar were the scorers for the losers.

Earlier in a pre-quarter final match, A.S.C. routed New Stars, Delhi, 7-1 after leading 1-0 at the breather.

Left-extreme Rawat (29th minute, and 53rd minute), right halfback Tigga (38th minute), inside-right M. Bage (42th minute and 52nd minute), inside-left Bhengra (60th minute) and right halfback M. Tigga (64th minute) score... the winners while

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गोहाटी, ४ फरवरी। असम में चुनावों को रुकवाने के लिये अपने निर्णायक प्रयास के रूप में असम आन्दोलन के नेताओं ने १८ दिन के असहयोग कार्यक्रम की घोषणा की है जो सविनय अवज्ञा आंदोलन जैसा ही होगा।

इस चार सूत्री विस्तृत कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत राज्य के पुलिस बलों आदि के कर्मचारियों के अतिरिक्त अन्य सभी कर्मचारियों से अनुरोध किया गया है कि वे गैर-कानूनी आदेशों का पालन नहीं करें और अपनी आत्मा की आवाज के आधार पर अपना कर्तव्य निर्वाह करें।

दूसरी ओर असम सरकार ने अपने समस्त कर्मचारियों को चेतावनी दी है कि राज्य में चुनाव-कार्य करने से अस्वीकार करने वालों के विरुद्ध कठोर कार्यवाही की जावेगी।

एक शासकीय विज्ञप्ति के अनुसार कर्बी जिले के जिला सूचना एवं जनसम्पर्क अधिकारी श्री रणजीत कुमार शर्मा को बर्खास्त कर दिया गया क्योंकि उन्होंने चुनाव कार्य करने से अस्वीकार कर दिया था।

महिलाओं द्वारा जुलूस

आज एक हजार से भी अधिक महिलाओं ने जुलूस निकाला व जिला उपायुक्त के कार्यालय जाकर उन्हें एक ज्ञापन सौंप कर असम में चुनाव स्थगित कराने की मांग की।

इसी भांति गोहाटी के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में अनेक छोटे-छोटे जुलूस निकाले गए तथा चुनाव स्थगन की मांग बुलन्द की गई।

मंगलदोई में अभी भी तनाव

कर्फ्यू ग्रस्त मंगल दोई कस्बे तथा उसके आसपास के क्षेत्रों में स्थिति आज भी तनावपूर्ण रही किन्तु कल सेना की नियुक्त किये जाने के बाद से किसी भी अप्रिय घटना का कोई समाचार नहीं मिला है। नगर में आंदोलनकारियों ने पुलिस गोलीवर्षा के विरोध में १२ घंटे के बंद का आयोजन किया जिससे सामान्य जनजीवन ठप्प रहा।

डिब्रूगढ़ में पुलिस की गोली से १ मरा

डिब्रूगढ जिले के अपर असम के सादिया नामक स्थान में गत रात्रि पुलिस की गोली से एक व्यक्ति मृत्यु हो गई।

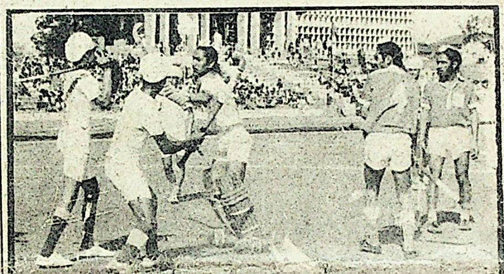
अधिकृत ... जांच अधिकारियों का एक दल जब अपहरण के एक मामले में एक घर की तलाशी लेने पहुंचा तो भीड़ ने उस पर आक्रमण कर दिया। भीड़ पर नियंत्रण पाने के लिये पुलिस ने गोली वर्षा की।

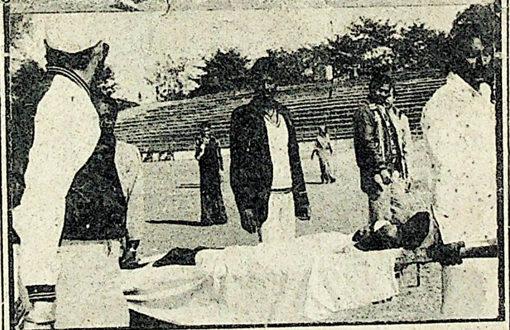
दिल्ली में विचार

असम के राज्यपाल के सलाहकार आर. सुब्रमण्यम और मुख्य सचिव रमेशचंद्र ने आज नई दिल्ली में असम संबंधी मंत्रिमंडलीय उपसमिति के साथ राज्य में कानून एवं व्यवस्था की स्थिति की समीक्षा की। बैठक में श्री प्रकाशचंद्र सेठी, वेंकट रमन श्री शिवशंकर के अलावा प्रधानमंत्री के सचिव, कैबिनेट सचिव एवं गृह सचिव ने भाग लिया।

बाद में श्री रमेशचंद्र ने पत्रकारों को बताया कि असम में चुनाव रद्द करने की कोई संभावना नहीं है।

*वाशिंगटन, ४ फरवरी। आणविक परीक्षण रोकने के बारे में दो समझौतों का प्रारूप राष्ट्रपति रीगन ... फरवरी को फैसला हो जावेगा।





रविशंकर शुक्ल क्रीडांगण में पंजाब एवं हरियाणा में खिलाड़ियों के मध्य हाकी युद्ध का एक दृश्य। दूसरे चित्र में हरियाणा के घायल खिलाडी गुरमेज को स्ट्रेचर पर अस्पताल ले जाते हुए।
छाया- रविदर्शन

हार से पंजाब की टीम बौखलाई

खेल के मैदान में हाकी चली: संघर्ष में ३ घायल

(खेल प्रतिनिधि द्वारा)

जबलपुर, ४ फरवरी। "मैत्री एवं सद्भाव की खेल ...

इतनी घटना घट जाने के बाद ... अंपायर आरमेन ने ... के किसी खिलाडी को बाहर किया

विघटनकारी शक्तियों से सावधान रहें-जैलसिंह

रणमतसिंह कालेज के शताब्दि समारोह का उद्घाटन

(हमारे प्रति...)

रीवा, ४ फर... राष्ट्रपति श्री जैलसिंह ने देशवासियों का आवाहन किया कि वे देश के भीतर एवं बाहर सक्रिय उन विघटनकारी शक्तियों से सावधान रहे जो अस्थिरता पैदा कर देश की प्रगति को रोकना चाहती है।

राष्ट्रपति आज यहां ठाकुर रणमत सिंह महाविद्यालय के त्रिदिवसीय शताब्दी समारोह का उद्घाटन कर रहे थे।

राष्ट्रपति ने कहा कि प्रजातंत्र में हर व्यक्ति को भाषण, अभिव्यक्ति और संगठन की स्वतंत्रता का अधिकार है किन्तु हमें ऐसे कार्यों से बचना चाहिये जो चाहे किसी समूह या पार्टी के लिये थोड़े से फायदे में हो किन्तु राष्ट्र के लिए हानिकर हो।

राष्ट्रपतिजी ने जीवन में अनुशासन के महत्व पर जोर देते हुए कहा कि छात्र जीवन अनुशासन मूर्त रूप होता है और हर व्यक्ति को आजीवन यह भावना कायम रखनी चाहिये। शिक्षकों को शिष्यों पर वैसा स्नेह रखना चाहिये जैसा उनके माता पिता उन पर रखते। उन्हें केवल अपनी तनख्वा के बारे में ही नहीं सोचते रहना चाहिये। शिक्षा व्यवसाय में पदार्पण मात्र रोटी कमाने के उद्देश्य से ही नहीं अपितु शिक्षा के प्रति सच्चे प्रेम के कारण करना चाहिये। आपने कहा कि शिक्षा ऐसी होना चाहिये जिससे युवकों में समाज सेवा की भावना उत्पन्न हो सके। शिक्षा मनुष्य के लिये एक आभूषण है।

पूर्व में म. प्र. के राज्यपाल भगवत दयाल शर्मा ने राष्ट्रपति जी का स्वागत किया। इस अवसर पर मुख्यमन्त्री अर्जुनसिंह भी उपस्थित थे।

राष्ट्रपति खजुराहो में

रीवा से लौटने के बाद राष्ट्रपति जैलसिंह ने खजुराहो के प्राचीन मन्दिरों का अवलोकन किया।

राष्ट्रपति आज प्रातः काल भोपाल से खजुराहो होते हुए रीवा गए थे एवं सायं ४ बजे हेलीकाप्टर से रीवा से पुनः खजुराहो वापिस लौटे।

राष्ट्रपति यहां लक्ष्मण मंदिर देखने गए और उसके जीर्णोद्वार सम्बन्धी जानकारी प्राप्त की।

बाद में राष्ट्रपति वायुसेना के विमान द्वारा दिल्ली वापिस लौट गए। इस अवसर पर राज्यपाल श्री भगवत दयाल शर्मा, मुख्यमन्त्री अर्जुनसिंह एवं उनके मन्त्रिमण्डलीय सहयोगियों ने राष्ट्रपति जी को भावभीनी बिदाई दी।

डा. चेन्ना रेड्डी का स्तीफा स्वीकृत

नई दिल्ली, ४ फरवरी। राष्ट्रपति जैलसिंह ने आज पंजाब ... का त्याग पत्र स्वीकार कर लिया है।

संविधान में संशोधन

सामाजिक आवश्यकता-... सुधार हो-चंद्रचूड



The Namdhari XI players with the Ghaffar Khan Cup at the Shivaji Stadium in New Delhi.

HOCKEY

Namdhari XI takes the honours

From Our Sports Reporter

NEW DELHI, Sept. 15.

Namdhari XI, Sirsa beat Army Service Corps (ASC), Jalandhar 6-4 via the tie-breaker to win the second all-India Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan hockey tournament at the Shivaji Stadium here on Saturday.

The two teams were tied 2-2 at the end of the regulation period, which was reduced to 60 minutes after a heavy rain delayed the start by half an hour.

The match got off to a wet start but there was enough heat, figuratively speaking, to keep the spectators excited. Everything appeared to be going ASC's way in the first half as it got a firm grip over the proceedings with a 2-0 margin.

The first goal came in the sixth minute itself following a penalty corner. K. P. Singh took the shot but his bid was thwarted squarely by Swinder Singh, the Namdhari goal-keeper. However, P. Horo got the deflection to his advantage and smashed it home without any hesitation, to grab the initiative for ASC.

If that was not bad enough, another psychological set-back for the Namdhari team ensued in the form of a red card for its coach, Baldev Singh who according to umpire A. S. Bawa was using vulgar language to abuse the ASC players whenever they were at earshot. Bawa also indicated that the coach was disputing the decisions of the umpires, which compelled him to take the tough decision after his earlier warning did not produce much effect. The red card meant that Baldev had to spend the rest of the duration of the match in the dressing room.

This was, however, not the first experience for the coach. He had earlier been slapped the same punishment in his team's quarter-final league match against Air India.

More drama was to follow. ASC got its second goal in the 14th minute itself when Sukraind got a stick to the drive by Topno. The referee, Gurcharan Singh took a few seconds to declare the goal clean. That was understandable as he had to confirm two things. One was whether Sukraind got his stick to the ball and the second was, whether he was within the circle at the time of connection. The delay, however, incensed the Namdhari players. They argued vociferously, which resulted in Bagga Singh being sent out. He was later called back into play after about ten minutes, as the umpire had apparently decided to reduce the punishment.

Namdhari team never came anywhere to scoring in the first half. However, its goal-keeper Singha did a splendid job to keep ASC attackers at bay. He advanced boldly to diffuse the scoring chances of ASC, in the 20th and 27th minutes. Bhushan ventured on the first occasion and the second effort was a combined move by Sukraind and Ajay.

Sukhwinder Singh (Sr.) brought the hopes of the Namdhari team and its spectators back, by scooping perfectly, just below the bar, to reduce the difference in the 47th minute, off the second penalty corner for his team. The first had earlier been wasted in the 35th minute.

The team didn't have to wait much for the equaliser. The third penalty corner for Namdhari was awarded six minutes after the second, but the drive by Sukhwinder (Sr.) hit the foot of an advancing Sukraind to force the umpire to award another penalty corner. This time, Sukhwinder Singh (Sr.) did not go for the shot himself but pushed for the captain, Gurnam Singh to scoop into the goal to bring the equaliser, to trigger jubilation all around. The stadium, incidentally was packed with Namdhari supporters, who had dared the hour-long rain just before the start, to fill at least one side of the stadium and remain in patches on the other three sides.

ASC did not force any scoring chance in the second half, much in contrast to its splendid show in the first. It managed to force two more penalty corners without being able to utilise them. It could be blamed for squandering the first chance, but not for the second, which was awarded in the very 60th minute. This meant that when the ball was pushed to be stopped for the conversion, the hooter intervened to nullify the chance.

The delay at the start had not only forced the reduction of the regulation period to 60 minutes, but also the dispensation with of the usual procedure of playing for 15 minutes of extra-time in case of a tie.

The tie-breaker unfolded the ultimate drama. The improving trend in the fortunes of the Namdhari team continued as its players Gurnam Singh, Bagga Singh, Jaswant Singh and Sukhwinder Singh (Sr.) found the target without much fuss. Much in contrast, the declining performance by the ASC side too continued. Sukraind and P. Ekka alone managed to convert their chances. P. Horo, who was the hero for his team most of the time in the tournament, undid all his good work, by falling prey to his unsteady nerves and wasting his chance by hitting wide. This put pressure on the next man for ASC, Bhengra, who made a weak push to be easily stopped by Singha.

Giani Zail Singh, the former President of India, gave away the prizes.

GENERAL

Indian team's entry accepted

NEW DELHI, Sept. 15.

The Beijing Asian Games Organising Committee (BAGOC) has accepted the entry of Indian golf team, according to Mr. R. L. Anand, Secretary-Gen-

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ਸਾਗਿਹਦ-ਪੰਜਾਬ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਵਰਗੇ ... ਜਿੱਤ ਹਨ। ਉਹ ਲਗਾਤਾਰ ਦੋ ਵਾਰ ਸਰਵ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਇੰਟਰਵਰਸਿਟੀ ਚੈਂਪੀਅਨ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਵਰ੍ਹੇ ਧੀਰ ਨੇ ਇੰਗਲੈਂਡ, ... ਮਾਣ ਦੀ ਗਲ ਹੈ।

ਧੀਰ ਨੂੰ ਪਹਿਲਵਾਨੀ ਦੀ ਲਗਨ ਤਾਂ ਭਾਵੇਂ ਕਰਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਸ... ਸਿੰਘ ਤੋਂ ਲੱਗੀ ਪੁੜ੍ਹ ਉਸ ... ਅਗਵਾਈ ਨੇ ਧੀਰ ਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਚੈਂਪੀਅਨਸ਼ਿਪ ਜਿੱਤਣ ਵਿਚ ਅਹਿਮ ਯੋਗਦਾਨ ਪਾਇਆ ਹੈ।

ਮਹਾਰਾਜਾ ਰਣਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੂਰਨਾਮੈਂਟ

ਮਹਾਰਾਜਾ ਰਣਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਕੁਲ ਹਿੰਦ ਗੋਲਡ ਕੱਪ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੂਰਨਾਮੈਂਟ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਵਿਚ ਲਗੀ ਨਵੀਂ ਐਸਟਰੋਟਰਫ ਉਪਰ 27 ਜਨਵਰੀ ਤੋਂ ਲੈ ਕੇ 2 ਫਰਵਰੀ ਤਕ ਖੇਡਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਜਿਸ ਵਿਚ ਭਾਰਤ ਦੀਆਂ ਚੋਟੀ ਦੀਆਂ 14 ਟੀਮਾਂ ਨੇ ਹਿੱਸਾ ਲਿਆ।

ਸੈਮੀ ਫਾਈਨਲ ਮੁਕਾਬਲੇ ਵਿਚ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਕਲੱਬ ਨੇ ਈ. ਐਮ. ਈ. ਜਲੰਧਰ ਨੂੰ ਸਿਫਰ ਦੇ ਮੁਕਾਬਲੇ ਵਿਚ ਦੋ ਗੋਲਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਹਰਾ ਕੇ ਫਾਈਨਲ ਵਿਚ ਪ੍ਰਵੇਸ਼ ਕਰ ਲਿਆ ਤੇ ਦੂਸਰੇ ਸੈਮੀਫਾਈਨਲ ਮੈਚ ਵਿਚ ਸੀਮਾ ਸੁਰਖਿਆ ਬਲ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਦੇ ਖੰਭ ਝਾੜ ਕੇ ਸਿਫਰ ਦੇ ਮੁਕਾਬਲੇ ਇਕ ਗੋਲ ਨਾਲ ਜਿੱਤ ਕੇ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਕਲੱਬ ਨਾਲ ਫਾਈਨਲ ਵਿਚ ਜੂਝਣ ਲਈ ਪੁੱਜ ਗਈ।

ਫਾਈਨਲ ਮੈਚ ਵਿਚ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਕਲੱਬ ਦੇ ਖਿਡਾਰੀ ਜਿਹਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਸਫੇਦ ਰੰਗ ਦੀ ਪੁਸ਼ਾਕ ਪਾਈ ਹੋਈ ਸੀ, [illegible] ਕਰਦੇ ਮਿਹਨਤ ਨਾਲ ਕਮਾਏ ਜਿਸਮ, ਸਟੀਲ ਵਰਗੇ ਡੌਲੇ, ਚੌੜੀ ਛਾਤੀ, ਪੱਟਾਂ ਤੇ ਪੈਂਦੀਆਂ ਛੱਲੀਆਂ ਤੇ ਬੋਤਲਾਂ ਵਰਗੀਆਂ ਪਿੰਢਣੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਮੈਦਾਨ ਵਿਚ ਇਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਿਖਾਈ ਦੇ ਰਹੇ ਸਨ ਜਿਵੇਂ ਕਿ ਸਫੇਦ ਰੰਗ ਦਾ ਗੁਲਾਬ ਖਲੇਰ ਦਿਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੋਵੇ। ਉਧਰੋਂ ਬੀ. ਐਸ. ਐਫ. ਦੇ ਖਿਡਾਰੀ ਜਿਹਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਲਾਲ ਰੰਗ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਮੀਜ਼ਾਂ ਤੇ ਚਿੱਟੀਆਂ ਨਿੱਕਰਾਂ ਪਾਈਆਂ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਸਨ, ਇਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਤ ਹੋ ਰਹੇ ਸਨ ਜਿਵੇਂ ਕਿ ਰੰਗ-ਬਰੰਗਾ ਗੁਲਾਬ ਹਰੇ ਭਰੇ ਮੈਦਾਨ ਵਿਚ ਝੂਮ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੋਵੇ। ਭਾਵ ਵਾਤਾਵਰਨ ਬਹੁਤ ਹੀ ਸੁੰਦਰ ਦਿਖਾਈ ਦੇ ਰਿਹਾ ਸੀ। ਅਸਮਾਨ ਉਪਰ ਕਿਤੇ-ਕਿਤੇ ਬੱਦਲਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਟੁਕੜੀਆਂ ਹੋਣ ਕਾਰਨ ਸੂਰਜ ਦੇਵਤਾ ਬੱਦਲਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਅੱਖ-ਮਿਚੌਲੀ ਖੇਡ ਰਿਹਾ ਸੀ। ਦਰਸ਼ਕ ਮੈਚ ਦਾ ਆਨੰਦ ਮਾਨਣ ਲਈ ਲਗਪਗ ਪੰਜ ਕੁ ਹਜ਼ਾਰ ਦੇ ਕਰੀਬ ਮੈਦਾਨ ਦੇ ਚਾਰੇ ਪਾਸੇ ਬੈਠੇ ਸਨ।

ਹਿਟ ਔਫ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਹੀ ਬੀ. ਐਸ. ਐਫ. ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਦੇ ਕਪਤਾਨ ਸੈਂਟਰ ਫਾਰਵਰਡ ਨੇ ਫਲਿਕ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਗੇਂਦ ਆਪਣੇ ਸੈਂਟਰ ਹਾਫ ਨੂੰ ਦਿਤਾ ਤੇ ਸੈਂਟਰ ਹਾਫ ਨੇ ਗੇਂਦ ਨੂੰ ਬੜੀ ਚਲਾਕੀ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਫਟ ਆਊਟ ਡੱਡਰੇ ਵਲ ਵਧਾ ਦਿਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਡੱਡਰੇ ਨੇ ਦੋ ਖਿਡਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਚਕਮਾ ਦੇ ਕੇ ਗੇਂਦ ਨੂੰ ਲੈਫਟ ਇਨ ਬਾਗੇ ਨੂੰ ਸੌਂਪ ਦਿਤੀ ਤੇ ਬਾਗੇ ਬੜੀ ਫੁਰਤੀ ਨਾਲ 'ਡੀ' ਵਿਚ ਜਾ ਵੜਿਆ ਤੇ ਰੱਖਿਆ ਪੰਗਤੀ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਗੋਲ ਕੀਪਰ ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਕਟ ਕੇ ਜਦ ਫਲਿਕ ਨਾਲ ਗੋਲ ਦਾਗਣ ਲਗਾ ਤਾਂ ਪਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਿਹੜੇ ਵੇਲੇ ਸੁਖਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਅੱਗੇ ਆਇਆ ਤੇ ਉਸ ਨੇ ਗੋਲ ਵੱਲ ਰਿੜ੍ਹੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਗੇਂਦ ਨੂੰ ਲੰਮੇ ਪੈ ਕੇ ਲੰਬੀ ਹਾਕੀ ਵਧਾ ਕੇ ਗੇਂਦ ਨੂੰ ਰੋਕ ਲਿਆ। ਇਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਇਹ ਖਤਰਨਾਕ ਹਮਲਾ ਪਛਾੜ ਦਿਤਾ ਗਿਆ। ਇਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਪਹਿਲੇ 15 ਮਿੰਟ ਤਾਂ ਬੀ. ਐਸ. ਐਫ. ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਕਲੱਬ ਤੇ ਹਮਲੇ ਤੇ ਹਮਲਾ ਕਰਦੀ ਰਹੀ ਤੇ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਟੀਮ ਦੀ ਰੱਖਿਆ ਪੰਗਤੀ ਬਸ ਆਪਣੀ ਡੀ ਚੋਂ ਗੇਂਦ ਕੱਢਣ ਵਿਚ ਹੀ ਲੱਗੀ ਰਹੀ। ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਕਲੱਬ ਜਿਹੜੀ ਕਿ ਬੜੇ ਜੋਸ਼ ਵਿਚ ਖੇਡਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਦੀ ਕਦੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਸਗੋਂ ਬਹੁਤ ਵਾਰ ਏਨੀ ਜੋਸ਼ ਵਿਚ ਆ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਆਪਣੇ ਹੋਸ਼ ਗਵਾ ਕੇ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਖਿਡਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਗਲ ਹੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਪੈਂਦੀ ਸਗੋਂ ਹਾਕੀ ਨੂੰ ਹਥਿਆਰ ਵਜੋਂ ਵਰਤਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਜ਼ ਨਹੀਂ ਆਉਂਦੀ। ਇਹਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਇਹ ਹਰਕਤ ਅਤੇ ਖਿਡਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਬੜੇ ਖੁਲ੍ਹੇ ਸ਼ਬਦਾਂ ਵਿਚ [illegible] ਆਦਰ ਤੇ ਸਤਿਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਕਈ ਵਾਰ ਠੇਸ ਪਹੁੰਚਾਉਂਦਾ ਹੈ।

ਪਹਿਲੇ ਹਾਫ ਵਿਚ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਕਲੱਬ ਦੇ ਖਿਡਾਰੀ ਮਿਡ ਫੀਲਡ ਵਿਚ ਤਾਂ ਬੜੇ ਤਾਲਮੇਲ ਨਾਲ ਖੇਡਦੇ ਨਜ਼ਰ ਆ ਰਹੇ ਸਨ ਪਰ ਜਦ ਡੀ ਕੋਲ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਤਾਂ ਬੀ. ਐਸ. ਐਫ. ਦੀ ਰੱਖਿਆ ਪੰਗਤੀ ਵਿਚ ਖੇਡਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਖਿਡਾਰੀ ਖਾਸ ਕਰ ਕਿਸ਼ਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੁਰਮੁਰ ਅਤੇ ਬੇਲੌਂਗ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਕੋਈ ਵਾਹ ਪੇਸ਼ ਨਾ ਜਾਣ ਦਿੰਦੇ ਤੇ ਬਣੇ ਹਮਲੇ ਇਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਪਛਾੜ ਦਿੰਦੇ ਜਿਵੇਂ ਕਿ ਕੰਨ ਤੋਂ ਮੱਖੀ ਝਾੜ ਕੇ ਰਖ ਦੇਈਦੀ ਹੈ। ਬੀ. ਐਸ. ਐਫ. ਨੂੰ ਗੋਲ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਇਕ ਦੋ ਮੌਕੇ ਹੋਰ ਮਿਲੇ ਪਰ ਉਹਨਾ ਦੇ ਫਾਰਵਰਡ ਬਾਗੀ ਅਤੇ ਕਪਤਾਨ ਅਮਰਦੀਪ ਨੇ ਖਰਾਬ ਕਰ ਦਿਤੇ।

ਅੱਧੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਜਦ ਦੋਵੇਂ ਟੀਮਾਂ ਤਾਜ਼ਾ ਦਮ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਮੈਦਾਨ ਵਿਚ ਉਤਰੀਆਂ ਤਾਂ ਖੇਡ ਅੱਗ ਦੇ ਭਬੂਕੇ ਵਾਂਗੂ ਹੋਰ ਭਖ ਪਈ। ਲਗਪਗ 55ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਕਲੱਬ ਨੂੰ ਪੈਨਲਟੀ ਕਾਰਨਰ ਮਿਲਿਆ ਤੇ ਫੁਲਬੈਕ ਸੁਖਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜਿਹੜਾ ਕਿ ਪੈਨਲਟੀ ਕਾਰਨਰ ਲਾਉਣ ਵਿਚ ਆਪਣੀ ਟੀਮ ਵਲੋਂ ਪਾਲ ਲਿਟਜਨ ਮੰਨਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ, ਉਸ ਨੇ ਇਹ ਆਇਆ ਮੌਕਾ ਖਰਾਬ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਤੇ ਆਉਂਦੀ ਹੀ ਗੇਂਦ ਨੂੰ ਜਦ ਰੋਕਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਤਾਂ ਅੱਖ ਦੇ ਪਲਕਾਰੇ ਨਾਲ ਆਪਣੇ ਮਜ਼ਬੂਤ ਡੌਲਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਜ਼ੋਰ ਨਾਲ ਗੋਲਾਂ ਦਾ ਫੱਟਾ ਖੜਕਾ ਦਿਤਾ। ਬਸ ਫੇਰ ਕੀ ਸੀ ਭਾਵੇਂ ਸੀਮਾ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਬਲ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਆਪਣਾ ਅੱਡੀ ਚੋਟੀ ਦਾ ਜ਼ੋਰ ਬਰਾਬਰੀ ਤੇ ਆਉਣ ਲਈ ਲਾ ਰਹੀ ਸੀ, ਪਰ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਕਲੱਬ [illegible] ਵਰਤਦੀ ਹੋਈ ਸੀਮਾ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਬਲ ਨੂੰ ਲਾਗੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਸੀ ਲੱਗਣ ਦੇ ਰਹੀ। ਫਿਰ ਤਾਂ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਖਿਡਾਰੀ ਇਹ ਨੀਤੀ ਅਪਣਾ ਰਹੇ ਸਨ ਕਿ ਗੇਂਦ ਭਾਵੇਂ ਲੰਘ ਜਾਵੇ ਬੰਦਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਲੰਘਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ। ਬੀ. ਐਸ. ਐਫ. ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਇਕ ਪੈਨਲਟੀ ਕਾਰਨਰ ਮਿਲਿਆ ਪਰ ਉਸ ਦਾ ਲਾਭ ਨਹੀਂ ਉਠਾ ਸਕੀ ਜਿਸ ਦੇ ਫਲਸਰੂਪ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਕਲੱਬ ਸਿਫਰ ਦੇ ਮੁਕਾਬਲੇ ਇਕ ਗੋਲ ਨਾਲ ਜਿੱਤ ਕੇ ਸ਼ਾਨਦਾਰ ਟਰਾਫੀ ਆਪਣੇ ਨਾਲ ਲੈ ਗਈ।

ਰਾਜਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ



ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਟੀਮ ਦਾ ਕਪਤਾਨ ਟਰਾਫੀ ਲੈਂਦਾ ਹੋਇਆ — ਫੋਟੋ ਕਿਰਨ ਸਟੂਡੀਓ

IFFCO-PSB to clash in Shastri hockey final

NEW DELHI, Feb 11 (PTI) — Indian Farmers and Fertilisers Cooperative (IFFCO) edged out Namdhari XI 5-4 via the tie-break to enter the final of the All-India Lal Bahadur Shastri Hockey Tournament here on Monday.

In the final to be played tomorrow, IFFCO will clash against Punjab and Sind Bank (PSB), who chalked up an emphatic 3-0 win over Northern Railways.

The exciting second semi-final between Sirsa's Namdhari XI, buoyed by a large number of their supporters in the stands, and local lads IFFCO XI, saw the teams running neck-and-neck throughout the match.

The numerous constructive moves created by the two teams apart, the scoreboard remained blank after regulation time and 15 minutes extra-time.

In the tie-break, Ram Sanjivan, Usman Noor, Shahab Noor, Naresh and Salim found the target for IFFCO. In reply, only Jaswant, Sukhwinder Singh (junior), Bagga Singh and Gurnam Singh found luck with their strokes, with Sukhwinder Singh (Senior) muffing up a chance.

Earlier, Punjab and Sind Bank had an easy passage into the final, with Ram Saran, captain Gundeep Kumar and Harjit Singh scoring for the winners.

IFFCO dominated the first half, launching a blistering attack from the word go. Outside-left R. S. Bisht sprinted down the left flank but was thwarted by Namdhari defender Sukhdev upon entering the rival striking circle.

Salim, who did most of the scheming for IFFCO today, put Shahab Noor into the Namdhari danger zone 10 minutes later. But Noor failed to connect.

Salim initiated another move in the 15th minute, passing the ball for Saini to take a shot at the rival goal, but goalkeeper Swinder Singh padded away.

The Namdhari attack got underway when centre-forward Harceep Singh's cross had Bagga Singh missing a sitter. However, the IFFCO defence did a good job, blunting the rival moves into their territory by just refusing them space to manoeuvre.

In a spectacular 28th minute IFFCO raid, Salim outwitted at least four defenders down the right before setting up a chance for Shahab Noor, but the latter could only just scoop over the crosspiece.

Ten minutes into the second half, Namdhari forward Bagga Singh wildly, hitting Salim on the hand and promptly was given temporary marching orders.

IFFCO continued to dominated proceedings imposing four penalty corners in quick succession.

A stray Namdhari sortie into the IFFCO half saw Didar Singh sending a crisp cross from the right, but Bagga Singh's essay was neatly thwarted by goalkeeper Nadir Ali.

Namdharis earned their second penalty corner of the match seven minutes before the final whistle, but Sukhwinder Singh's powerfully struck drive richocheted out after striking Nadir Ali's pads.

The extra-time saw Namdharis making a couple of moves into IFFCO territory, but in vain.

ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੀਮ ਨੇ ਯੂਰਪੀ ਦੌਰੇ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ ਮੈਚ ਜਿੱਤੇ

नामधारी हाकी टीम इंग्लैंड और स्पेन के दौरे पर जाएगी

जनसत्ता संवाददाता

नामधारी चैम्पियन

लखनऊ, 26 दिसम्बर (वार्ता): नामधारी एकादश सिरसा ने आज 13वीं अखिल भारतीय के.डी. सिंह बाबू स्मारक आमंत्रण हाकी प्रतियोगिता जीत ली।

यहां ध्यान चंद स्टेडियम के एस्ट्रोटर्फ मैदान पर आज खेले गए फाइनल में नामधारी सिरसा ने पंजाब राज्य विद्युत परिषद (पी.एस.ई.बी.) को दो के मुकाबले तीन गोल से हराया। हाफ टाइम पर दोनों टीमें दो-दो गोल करके बराबरी पर थीं।

Namdharis hit back

LONDON, June 25 (PTI) – The Namdhari hockey team continued their good showing on their current British tour clinching a 3-2 victory against South of England at Felthem here yesterday.

Namdharis beat Slough 4-0

LONDON, July 19 (PTI) – A touring Namdhari hockey team beat a Slough hockey team, consisting of four internationals, 4-0 at Felthem, near here, on Monday.

Namdharis surged ahead in the very second minute when Didar Singh scored off a back pass from Hardip Singh who snatched the ball from a Slough defender.

In the [illegible] minute again a Didar-Hardip combination got them the second goal, this time Hardip finding the net.

Hardip scored the third goal, in the 24th minute, off a neat [illegible] pass from Didar again.

Gurcharan Singh rounded off the tally with a goal in the [illegible] minute off a penalty corner.

ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਕਲੱਬ ਵਲੋਂ ਤਿੰਨਾਂ ਮੈਚਾਂ 'ਚ ਜਿੱਤ ਦਰਜ

ਲੰਡਨ, 23 ਜੂਨ (ਯੂ. ਐੱਨ. ਆਈ.)– ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਕਲੱਬ ਸਿਰਸਾ (ਹਰਿਆਣਾ) ਨੇ ਬਰਤਾਨੀਆ ਦੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਦੌਰੇ ਦੀ ਵਧੀਆ ਸ਼ੁਰੂਆਤ ਹੁਣ ਤਕ ਖੇਡੇ ਗਏ ਤਿੰਨੋਂ ਮੈਚ ਜਿੱਤ ਕੇ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ। ਸਿਊਹਮ ਵਿਖੇ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਕਲੱਬ ਨੇ ਕੰਧਾਸ਼ਾਇਰ ਬਾਰਕਿੰਗ ਟ੍ਰੈਮਲ ਟੀਮ ਨੂੰ 2-1 ਨਾਲ, ਫੈਲਥਮ ਵਿਖੇ ਮਿਡਲਸੈਕਸ ਕਾਊਂਟੀ ਨੂੰ 3-2 ਨਾਲ ਅਤੇ ਨਿਊਹਮ ਵਿਖੇ ਨਿਊਹਮ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਨੂੰ 6-1 ਨਾਲ ਹਰਾਇਆ।

नामधारी-एथलैटिको [illegible]

Another win for Namdharis

[illegible]ON, June 29 (PTI) – The touring Namdhari hockey team beat Surbiton Hockey Club 3-1 at the Indian [illegible] ground here yesterday.

[illegible] the match [illegible] of the Namdhari squad scored their [illegible] through Hardip Singh off [illegible] Singh's pass in the 23rd minute [illegible] a number of chances.

[illegible] second half Surbiton Club [illegible] in the 50th minute. But it was [illegible] when Didar Singh scored [illegible] goal for Namdharis in the [illegible] minute making it 2-1.

[illegible] Singh again consolidated the scoring [illegible] his second goal in the [illegible] minute.

Namdharis win Kenya Gold Cup

NEW DELHI, April 4 (PTI) – The touring Namdhari XI has won the prestigious Kenya Gold Cup hockey tournament.

In the final played on Monday last, they defeated Kenya league leaders, Simba Union, Nairobi, [illegible] second half goal.

The only goal of the match came in the 50th minute, Sukhwinder Singh converting a penalty corner, a Namdhari spokesman said here yesterday.

The Namdhari team had trounced Mombasa Institute 7-2 in the semifinal, thanks to a hat-trick from Sukhwinder Singh and two goals each from Didar Singh and Gurcharan Singh.

Namdharis end tour with win

LONDON, July 27 (PTI) – The Namdhari hockey team wound up its tour of Europe on a winning note by beating Midland Hockey Club 5-4 via sudden death at Leicester on Sunday.

In an exciting match, Balwinder Singh opened the scoring for the Namdharis with a goal in the fifth minute. The Midlanders put up a good fight and even though the Indians dominated the first half they could not increase their lead.

Midland team equalised in the fifth minute of the second half through Balkar Singh, former Midland international player.

With both teams level at regulation time and even after the tiebreaker, sudden death was resorted to. Midland Club missed two penalty strokes against Namdharis' one and lost the match.

Jaswant Singh, Gurnam Singh, Sukhwinder Singh Junior and Bagga Singh all shot accurately to help Namdharis claim the winner shield.

Namdharis two win[illegible]

LONDON, July 14 (PTI) – [illegible] Namdhari hockey [illegible] its good showing with [illegible] in the two matches played [illegible]

The Namdharis [illegible] goals in the first half [illegible] Singh and Balwinder Singh [illegible] Lusitania Hockey Club [illegible] Monday. Gurmel [illegible] the 10th minute and Balwinder Singh scored [illegible] to make it 2-0.

In the other [illegible] yesterday, Namdharis [illegible] Hockey Club, [illegible]

In an action-packed [illegible] Singh opened the [illegible] the fifth minute. [illegible]

Namdhari XI wins crown

New Delhi, March 21 (PTI): Namdhari XI bagged the second all-India Lal Bahadur Shastri hockey title defeating Northern Railways 4-3 via tie-breaker at the Shivaji Stadium here today.

The tie-breaker was resorted to after both teams were locked 1-1 at the end of regulation time.

Northern Railway went into the lead with the opening whistle. But thereafter there was a lull in the proceedings till Namdhari equalised in the 48th minute through Sukhwinder, who converted the team's third penalty corner.

In the tie-breaker Namdhari XI scored through Sukhwinder, Gurmit Singh and the team captain Bagga Singh while for Northern Railway only Nirmal Singh and M.P. Singh found the target.

नामधारी हाकी टीम द्वारा बैल्जियम में धूम

ब्रसल्स, 11 सितम्बर: नामधारी हाकी टीम जो इस समय बैल्जियम का दौरा कर रही है, ने बैल्जियम में अपना अंतिम मैच बैल्जियम की रनर-अप टीम से खेला तथा 2-2 से बराबर रही। नामधारी टीम ने अपने पहले मैचों में वाटरलू टीम को 5-0 से हराया। नामधारी टीम के बलजीत सिंह को प्रतियोगिता का सर्वश्रेष्ठ खिलाड़ी करार दिया गया।

ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੀਮ ਨੇ ਯੂਰਪੀ ਦੌਰੇ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਧੁੰਮਾਂ ਪਾਈਆਂ

[illegible]amdharis, Airlines share points in Sanjay hockey

[illegible]an Times Correspondent

NEW DELHI, Oct. 20 — Sirsa's Namdhari XI rallied to hold last year's runners-up India Airlines 1-1 in their quarter-final league match of the ninth All-India Sanjay hockey tournament at the Shivaji Stadium here today.

Splitting points from their second outing, after their solitary-goal victory over Indian Farmers and Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) yesterday, the Namdharis assured themselves of a berth in the semi-finals.

Pool 1 of the quarter-final league was reduced to three teams after the organisers scratched North-Eastern Railway (Gorakhpur) from the tournament on account of their inability to report for today's match against IFFCO.

The formidable Indian Airlines posed danger to the rival citadel in the sixth minute of play when H.A.S. Abdi accepted Hardeep's pass and in turn, sent a cross-field pass to Zafar Iqbal. The latter's reverse from the goalline went abegging across the goal-mouth with nobody in position to capitalise on it.

A listless, barren first-half failed to produce anything worth a mention thereafter. The Indian Airlines outfit raided the rival goal with purpose seven minutes inside the second session. Gurcharan Singh, from right, put the ball through to Mervyn Fernandes who had only custodian Swinder Singh to beat but his feeble, rising shot caused no flutters, being palmed away for a corner.

A couple of minutes later, B. S. Negi picked up a return pass from Mervyn inside the striking circle but delayed shooting goalwards and allowed the defenders to effectively block him from having a clear view of the goal.

In the 47th minute, a Zafar sprint down the left flank culminated in Airlines being awarded their second penalty-corner. Mohinder Pal Singh's penalty-corner essay deflected off the goalkeeper's stick on to defender Sukhdev Singh's stick and then rose to strike him on his chin, resulting in a penalty-stroke. Mervyn made no mistake with the stroke to put Airlines in the lead.

Stung by the reverse, the Sirsa team went all out looking for an equaliser and produced the finest hockey of the day in the last quarter of the game. They restored parity within six minutes through Gurbax Singh.

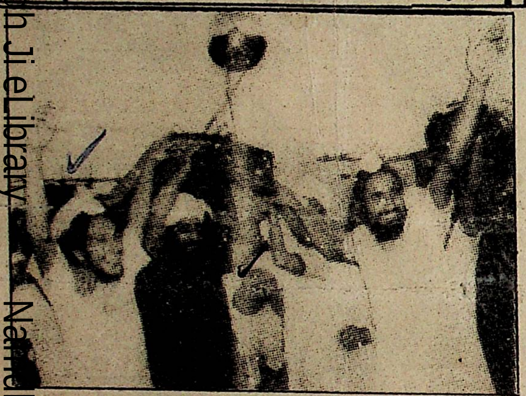
Airlines were awarded their third penalty-corner when Gurcharan Singh was brought down by the Namdhari custodian after having dodged his way past two defenders on top of the semi-circle. However, Abdi failed to stop the push and a Namdhari counter-attack caught the rivals off-guard. Centre-forward Gurbax Singh accepted Didar Singh's pass on top of the striking circle, moved a couple of paces to the left and flicked past the advancing goalkeeper Naveen Kumar into the far corner of the goal for the equaliser.

Gurbax and Didar were a constant threat to the Airlines defence, weaving patterns and making repeated inroads into the scoring circle. Twice the goalkeeper had to advance from under the [illegible]r to avert danger.



Indian Airlines forward Mervyn Fernandes dribbling past two Namdhari players in the Sanjay hockey quarter-final league match in New Delhi on Thursday. — HT photo

ਖੇਡ ਦੇ ਮੈਦਾਨ ਤੋਂ



[illegible]ਮਧਾਰੀ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਦੀ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੀਮ 9ਵਾਂ ਆਲ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਸੰਜੇ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੂਰਨਾਮੈਂਟ ਜਿੱਤਣ [illegible]ਪਰੰਤ ਇਸ ਦੀ ਟਰਾਫੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਕੇ ਝੂਮਦਿਆਂ। ਰੇਡੀਓ ਫੋਟੋ : ਯੂ. ਐਨ. ਆਈ.

[illegible]ਜੇ ਹਾਕੀ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀਆਂ ਜਿੱਤੀ

ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ, 25 ਅਕਤੂਬਰ-(ਪੀ. ਟੀ. ਆਈ.) ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਨੇ ਅੱਜ ਇਥੇ [illegible]ਵਾਜੀ ਸਟੇਡੀਅਮ ਵਿਚ ਖੇਡੇ ਗਏ ਫਾਈਨਲ [illegible] ਵਿਚ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਐਂਡ ਸਿੰਧ ਬੈਂਕ ਨੂੰ ਟਾਈ [illegible]ਕਰ ਵਿਚ ਹਰਾ ਕੇ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਵਾਰੀ ਸੰਜੇ ਹਾਕੀ [illegible]ਫੀ ਜਿੱਤ ਲਈ। ਦੋਵਾਂ ਟੀਮਾਂ ਨੇ ਸਾਰੇ ਮੈਚ [illegible] ਬਰਾਬਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਚੋਟਾਂ ਮਾਰੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਇਕ [illegible]ਜੀ ਟੀਮ ਦੇ ਹਮਲਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਾਕਾਮ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ [illegible] ਦੇ ਜਵਾਬੀ ਹਮਲੇ ਕੀਤੇ। ਪੂਰੇ ਮੈਚ [illegible] ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਨੇ ਚਾਰ ਵਾਰ ਜਦਕਿ ਪੀ. ਐਸ. ਬੀ. ਨੇ ਦੋ ਵਾਰ ਫੱਟੇ ਖੜਕਾਏ। ਦੋਹਾਂ ਟੀਮਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਕ੍ਰਮਵਾਰ ਇਸ ਟਰਾਫੀ ਲਈ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਅਤੇ ਦੂਜੀ ਪੁਜ਼ੀਸ਼ਨ ਲਈ 30,000 ਰੁਪਏ ਅਤੇ 20,000 ਰੁਪਏ ਨਕਦ ਇਨਾਮ ਵੀ ਮਿਲਿਆ। ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੇ 49ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਪੈਨਲਟੀ ਸਟਰੋਕ ਤੋਂ ਗੋਲ ਕਰਕੇ ਲੀਡ ਹਾਸਲ ਕਰ ਲਈ ਸੀ ਪਰ 63ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਪੀ. ਐਸ. ਬੀ. ਨੇ ਮੈਚ ਬਰਾਬਰ ਕਰ ਦਿਤਾ।

[illegible]ਾਮਧਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਜੇਤੂ

ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ, 4 ਫਰਵਰੀ -(ਪੀ. ਟੀ. ਆਈ.) 22ਵੇਂ ਮਹਾਰਾਜਾ ਰਣਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੁਨਹਿਰੀ ਹਾਕੀ ਕੱਪ ਨੂੰ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਨੇ ਬੀ. ਐਸ. ਐਫ. ਨੂੰ ਹਰਾ ਕੇ ਜਿੱਤ ਲਿਆ। ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਇਹ ਮੈਚ 1-0 ਗੋਲ ਦੇ ਫਰਕ ਨਾਲ ਜਿਤਿਆ। ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਵਲੋਂ ਸਾਬਕਾ ਉਲੰਪੀਅਨ ਖਿਡਾਰੀ ਹਰਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੀ ਖੇਡ ਬਹੁਤ ਹੀ ਸਲਾਹੁਣਯੋਗ ਰਹੀ। ਪਰ [illegible]

ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਅਗਲੇ ਪੰਜ ਮਿੰਟਾਂ ਦੀ ਖੇਡ ਤਾਂ 9 ਖਿਡਾਰੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਹੀ ਖੇਡਣੀ ਪਈ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਗੁਰਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਦੀਦਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਰੈਫਰੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਲਾਲ ਕਾਰਡ ਦਿਖਾ ਕੇ ਮੈਦਾਨ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਕਰ ਦਿਤਾ।

ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਈ. ਐਮ. ਈ. ਜਲੰਧਰ ਨੇ ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਨੂੰ ਇਕ ਗੋਲ ਨਾਲ ਹਰਾ ਕੇ ਤੀਜਾ ਥਾਂ ਹਾਸਲ ਕਰ ਲਿਆ।



22ਵੇਂ ਸਰਵ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਮਹਾਰਾਜਾ ਰਣਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਯਾਦਗਾਰੀ ਸੋਨ ਕੱਪ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੂਰਨਾਮੈਂਟ 'ਚ ਜੇਤੂ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੀਮ, ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਦੇ ਡੀ.ਸੀ. ਸ; ਸਰਬਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਾਸੋਂ ਸੋਨ ਕੱਪ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ [illegible]ਦੀ ਹੋਈ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਖੜ੍ਹੇ ਹਨ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਪਵਨ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਜੀ.ਏ. ਟੂ ਡੀ.ਸੀ. ਅਤੇ ਡੇ.ਡੀ.ਸੀ. ਸ: [illegible]ਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ। [illegible]ਟੋ : ਨਿਰਮਲ ਸਟੂਡੀਓ

नामधारी इलेवन ने संजय हाकी टूर्नामेंट जीता

जनसत्ता संवाददाता

नई दिल्ली, ११ दिसंबर। सीमा सुरक्षा बल जालंधर की संघर्षपूर्ण चुनौती से पार पाकर नामधारी इलेवन ने १३वां अखिल भारतीय संजय गांधी हाकी टूर्नामेंट जीत लिया। शिवाजी स्टेडियम पर खेले गए फाइनल में नामधारी इलेवन २-१ से जीती।

सेंटर फारवर्ड नृपजीत सिंह ने २१वें मिनट में नामधारी इलेवन को लीड दिलाई। २५ गज की रेखा के बाहर गेंद संभालकर नृपजीत रक्षकों को छकाते हुए बढ़ निकले और फिर फ्लिक से गेंद गोल में पहुंचा दी। विजयी टीम ने अगले ही क्षण अपनी बढ़त पक्की कर ली। डिफेंडर सुखविंदर सिंह ने पेनल्टी कारनर पर तख्ता खड़का कर स्कोर २-० कर दिया। यह स्कोर हाफ टाइम तक बना रहा। लेकिन दूसरे हाफ में सीमा सुरक्षा बल के एन मुरमुर ने पेनल्टी कारनर पर गोल बनाकर हार का अंतर कम कर दिया।

इस गोल के मिलने से उत्साहित सीमा सुरक्षा बल ने अपना दबाव बनाया पर नामधारी इलेवन की रक्षा पंक्ति ने गोल भिदने से बचाए रखा।

टूर्नामेंट जीतने पर नामधारी इलेवन को बीस हजार रुपए जबकि उपविजेता सीमा सुरक्षा बल को १५ हजार रुपए पुरस्कार के रूप में मिले। नेशनल हाकी अकादमी टीम को टूर्नामेंट की सबसे प्रतिभाशाली टीम मान कर जेराल्ड हासु ट्राफी दी गई। ईएमई जालंधर को फेयरप्ले ट्राफी मिली।

खेल शुरू होते ही नामधारी इलेवन आक्रमण पर उतारू हो गई। अंतरराष्ट्रीय दीदार सिंह ने शानदार स्टिक वर्क दिखाया। तीसरे ही मिनट में बीच से बढ़ निकलने पर उन्होंने बग्गा सिंह को पास दिया। बग्गा की कोणीय शाट पर बीएसएफ का गोली सरबजीत बचाव कर गया। छठे मिनट में दीदार ने एक और हलचल बनाई पर इस बार नृपजीत का निशाना लक्ष्य से परे रहा।

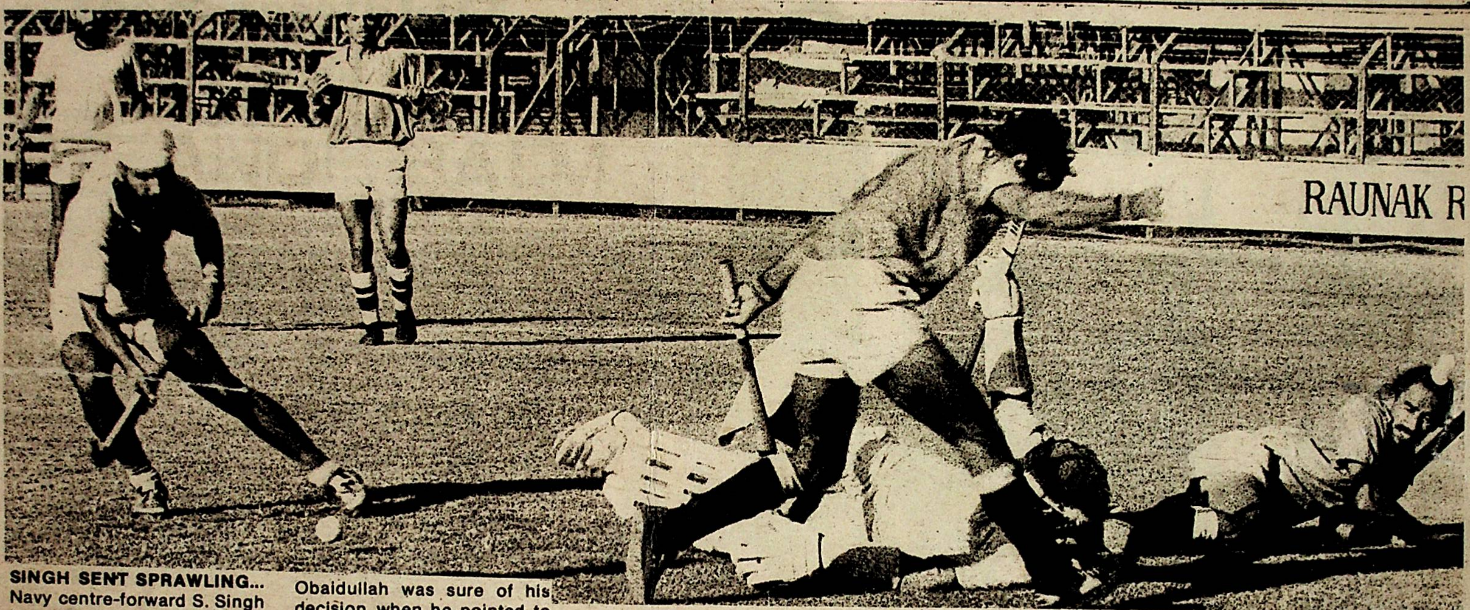
बीएसएफ के पास गोल बनाने का पहला मौका ११वें मिनट में आया जब अमरदीप सिंह शाट को सी[illegible] कीपर सविंदर सिंह को मार गए। आरडी सूरिन ने दाएं फ्लैंक से क्रास फेंका था। हाफ टाइम से एक मिनट पहले अमरदीप फिर लड़खड़ा गए। गुरमीत के क्रास पर गेंद से स्टिक का तालमेल नहीं बैठ पाया।

दो गोल से पिछड़ी और पहले हाफ में ज्यादातर समय दबाव में रही बीएसएफ ने दूसरे हाफ में जोरदार वापसी की। एल डोडरी, जिन्होंने कई मौके खोए, ने ५१वें मिनट में गोल बनाने का आसान मौका बेकार कर दिया। वे लांग कारनर पर आई गेंद को गोल में डालने में असफल रहे। इस छटपटाहट में खेल थोड़ा रफ भी हुआ और अंपायरों को फटाफट कार्ड दिखाने पड़े।

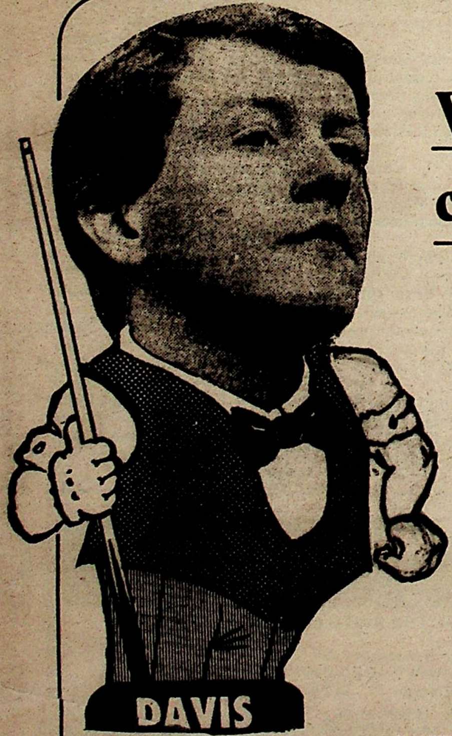
मैच को अतिरिक्त समय में ले जाने का बीएसएफ के पास आखिरी मौका ६१वें मिनट में आया। उनको चटापट तीन लांग कारनर मिले पर उनका फायदा नहीं उठाया जा सका।



[illegible] हाकी कप के साथ चैंपियन नामधारी इलेवन टीम। जनसत्ता फोटो : हेमंत मेहता।



SINGH SENT SPRAWLING... Navy centre-forward S. Singh (extreme right) is sent sprawling after Namdhari XI 'keeper Swinder Singh charged into him. Defender Sukhdev Singh (extreme left) pounces on the free ball but umpire Md. Obaidullah was sure of his decision when he pointed to the dreaded spot for the second time. The other Navy player near the goalmouth is M. Singh. **Pic by Mukesh Parplani.**



World champ fifth time in nine years

SHEFFIELD, May 3 (Reuter)

Steve Davis (England) defeated Welshman Terry Griffiths 18-11 in the World Professional Snooker Championship final yesterday.

Davis, the world No. 1, was held 8-8 overnight in the best-of-35-frame final but was in irresistible form when play resumed and won 10 of the

QUALIFIERS FAIL TO PROGRESS

Namdhari strike on debut

By The Daily Staff

BOMBAY, May 3

Debutants Namdhari XI (Ludhiana) made a good start in their Bombay Gold Cup Hockey campaign when they swept past qualifiers Navy 4-0 to enter the second round at the BHA Stadium here today.

The other qualifier, Central Railway also made their exit from the tournament when they lost by the odd goal in three to

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Namdhari	4	Navy	0

Bombay Engineering Group, Pune, earlier.

Namdhari were given a rousing start when the combination of skipper and inside-left, Baga Singh and centre-forward Gurmej Singh put them ahead by 2-0 by the 17th minute. Baga doing the feeding, Gurmej converting them into goals.

The visitors who dominated the first session, went into the interval with a 2-0 lead.

Navy began the second session like one possessed and raided the rival citadel repeatedly. Their efforts rewarded them with two penalty strokes in the 10th and 17th minutes, both of which were muffed by centre half S. Ekka—once pushing wide and the other being saved by the Namdhari 'keeper Swinder Singh.

It may well have been a different story had the sailors converted the two strokes which would have brought them level with the eventual winners.

But it was not to be and the Ludhiana side found their touch once again in the last 10 minutes to notch up two more goals.

Left-winger Bhupinder Singh did the spadework for both the goals. First he fed Didar Singh, who had switched over to the centre-forward position, with a long through. Didar trapped the ball on the top of the circle, drew out substitute Navy 'keeper D.S. Kanwar and pushed into an open goal.

A minute from the final whistle, Bhupinder dribbled the ball on the goalline and pushed the ball into the circle. The 'keeper and a defender fumbled with the ball, which eventually went to Balwinder who sent the ball crashing to the boards in a trice.

Earlier, after a goalless first session, EG scored immediately on resumption through insight-right Ajit Lakra.

Sukhdev Singh neutralised the lead for the Railwaymen with a goal nine minutes later.

Inside-left L. Ekka regained the lead for the Pune team with a goal in the 59th minute which turned out to be the match-winner.

IHF unaware of stipulation

BOMBAY, May 3 (PTI)

The Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) was unaware of the new stipulations of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) which made it mandatory that the recommendations for upgradation of umpires from various national federations should reach the latter's office in Brussels at least a month before its meeting on April 28.

The honorary secretary of the IHF, K.L. Passi, bemoaned that the IHF's efforts of sending the bio-data of four Indian umpires by air courier service on April 7 went to waste due to the new rules of the FIH which were communicated to the IHF only by a letter dated April 17.

Passi pointed out that the FIH had given no instructions to the IHF to send its list at least a month before the meeting.

Earlier, the FIH used to accept the list of recommendations even if it was given a week prior to the meeting, he said.

This year the lists recommending promotions from different countries were scrutinised by the umpires committee and not the technical committee as was the practice earlier, Passi added.

Sports beat

HOCKEY

—at the BHA Stadium

3.15 p.m. BNR, Calcutta vs RCF, Bombay, 4.45 p.m. Tatas vs Neyveli Lignite.

Jr. hockey squad for Australia

BOMBAY, May 3 (PTI)

An 18-member Indian under-21 hockey squad, would tour Australia in July to participate in a series of matches involving five teams from four nations

BIO-DATA

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3.	Date of birth	:	1.1.1969.
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SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS		YEAR	VENUE	POSITION
1.	Represented Haryana in the Senior National Hockey Championship (National Phase-I)	1983	Chandigarh	Participation.
2.	Senior National HOckey Championship.	1986	Banglore	- do --
3.	Senior National Hockey Championship.	1988	New Delhi	- do -
4.	Senior National Hockey Championsip.	1990-91	Jammu	- do -

Played as a permanent member and Centre Half of the Famous Namdhari Hockey Team and following are the achievements.

NAME OF THE COMPETITION		YEAR	VENUS	POSITION
1.	All India Sanjay Gandhi Hockey Tournament.	1989	New Delhi	Winner
2.	Bombay Gold Cup.	1989	Bombay	Runner-Up
3.	Khan Abdul Gufar Khan Hockey Tournament.	1991	New Delhi	Winner
4.	Maharaja Ranjit Singh Gold Cup.	1991	Amritsar	Winner
5.	All India K.D. Singh Babu Hockey Tournament.	1992	Lucknow	Winner
6.	Lal Bahadur Shastri Hockey Tournament	1992	New Delhi	Winner
7.	Maharaja Ranjit Singh Gold Cup.	1992	Amritsar	Runner-Up
8.	Sanjay Gandhi Hockey Tournament.	1993	New Delhi	Winner.

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS :				
1.	The Satguru Partap Singh Gold Cup Hockey Tournament.	1989	London (UK)	Winner
2.	The Lister Hockey Tournament	1989	Lister (UK)	Winner
3.	The League Hockey Tournament	1989	Barmingham(UK)	Winner
4.	The Tressa Hockey Tournament	1989	Spain	Winner
5.	The Keynea Hockey Gold Cup.	1991	Nairobi	Winner
6.	Cannak Hockey Tournament	1992	England(UK)	Winner
7.	The Satguru Partap Singh Hockey Tournament.	1992	England(UK)	Winner
8.	Holland Hockey Tournament	1992	Holland	Runner-Up.
9.	Two Friendly Matches were played with Belgium Local Club Vs. Namdhari-XI.	1992	Belgium	Winner

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ਵੈਸੇ ਤਾਂ ਅਮਰੀਕਾ-ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਵਰਗੇ ਮੁਲਕਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਕਬੱਡੀ ਖਿਡਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਚਾਂਦੀ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੈ, ਪਰ ਹੁਣ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਮੁਲਕਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਹਾਕੀ ਵਾਲਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਟੂਰਨਾਮੈਂਟ ਖੇਡਣ ਦੇ ਸੱਦੇ ਆਉਣ ਲੱਗ ਪਏ ਹਨ। ਮਾਮਲਾ ਉਸ ਵੇਲੇ ਵਿਗੜ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ, ਜਦੋਂ ਖੇਡਣ ਗਏ ਖਿਡਾਰੀ ਉਥੇ ਜਾ ਕੇ ਉਡਾਰੀ ਮਾਰ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹਨ। ਫੇਰ ਕਈ ਦੂਸਰੇ ਖਿਡਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਵੀਜ਼ਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਸਮੱਸਿਆ ਖੜ੍ਹੀ ਹੋ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਖੇਡ ਮੇਲਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕਾਂ ਲਈ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ-ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਮੁਸ਼ਕਿਲਾਂ ਖੜ੍ਹੀਆਂ ਹੋ ਜਾਂਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਪਰ ਕੈਲ ਕੱਪ ਹਾਕੀ ਦਾ ਹਾਲ ਦੱਸਣ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਦੱਸ ਦੇਵਾਂ ਕਿ ਹਾਕੀ ਖੇਡਣ ਗਏ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਸਾਰੇ ਖਿਡਾਰੀ ਸੁੱਖੀ-ਸਾਂਦੀ 4 ਜੂਨ ਨੂੰ ਵਾਪਸ ਵਤਨ ਪਰਤ ਆਏ ਹਨ। ਇਹ ਇਕ ਵਧੀਆ ਤੇ ਖ਼ੁਸ਼ਖ਼ਬਰੀ ਵਾਲੀ ਗੱਲ ਹੈ। ਪਿਛਲੇ ਸਾਲ ਵਾਪਸ ਪਰਤਣ ਕਾਰਨ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਬਹੁਤ ਖਿਡਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਵਾਲਿਆਂ ਨੇ ਇਸ ਵਾਰ ਵੀਜ਼ੇ ਵੀ 10-10 ਸਾਲ ਦੇ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਹਨ।

ਗੱਲ ਕਰੀਏ ਕੈਲ ਕੱਪ ਹਾਕੀ ਦੀ। ਪੰਜਾਬੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਚਰਚਿਤ ਅਤੇ ਇਕ ਵੱਖਰੀ ਪਹਿਰਾਵੇ ਅਤੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਵੱਖਰੀ ਪਹਿਚਾਣ ਵਾਲੀ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਹਾਕੀ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਟੀਮ ਨੂੰ ਕੈਲ ਕੱਪ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੂਰਨਾਮੈਂਟ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਵਾਰ ਪੂਰੇ 37 ਸਾਲਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਚੱਲੇ ਆ ਰਹੇ ਟੂਰਨਾਮੈਂਟ ਖੇਡਣ ਦਾ ਸੱਦਾ ਮਿਲਿਆ। ਟੀਮ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਜਾਣ ਦਾ ਮੇਰਾ ਵੀ ਐਵੇਂ ਗੱਲਾਂਬਾਤਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਹੀ ਸਬੱਬ ਬਣ ਗਿਆ। ਵੀਜ਼ੇ ਲਗਵਾਉਣ ਗਏ ਤਾਂ ਅੰਬੈਸੀ ਵਾਲਿਆਂ ਨੇ ਉਲੰਪੀਅਨ ਹਰਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੀਟਾ ਅਤੇ ਮੈਨੇਜਰ ਗੁਰਚਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਵੀਜ਼ੇ ਇਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਰੋਕ ਲਏ ਕਿ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਫੋਟੋ ਕਿਸੇ ਗਲਤ ਅਨਸਰ ਨਾਲ ਮਿਲਦੀ-ਜੁਲਦੀ ਹੈ। ਹਾਲਾਂਕਿ ਦੋਵੇਂ ਖਿਡਾਰੀ ਕਈ-ਕਈ ਵਾਰ ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਜਾ ਚੁੱਕੇ ਹਨ। ਭਾਵੇਂ ਪੰਜ ਹਫਤੇ ਬਾਅਦ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਵੀਜ਼ੇ ਦਾ ਮਾਮਲਾ ਠੀਕ ਵੀ ਹੋ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ, ਪਰ ਜਦ ਨੂੰ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਟੀਮ ਨੇ ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਨੂੰ ਚਾਲੇ ਪਾ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਸਨ। 21 ਮਈ ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 7 ਵਜੇ ਦੇ ਕਰੀਬ ਜਹਾਜ਼ ਨੇ ਫਰੈਂਕਫਰਟ, ਜਰਮਨੀ ਦੀ ਉਡਾਰੀ ਮਾਰੀ। ਜਹਾਜ਼ ਦੇ ਵਿਚ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਪਹਿਰਾਵੇ ਅਤੇ ਸਟਿੱਕ ਬੈਗਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਦੇਖ ਕੇ ਹਰ ਕੋਈ ਬਜ਼ੁਰਗ ਇਹ ਪੁੱਛੇ, 'ਬਾਈ ਜੀ ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਕਰਨ ਚੱਲੇ ਹੋ?' ਜਦੋਂ ਆਖੀਏ ਕਿ ਅਸੀਂ ਤਾਂ ਹਾਕੀ ਖੇਡਣ ਚੱਲੇ ਹਾਂ, ਤਾਂ ਹਰ ਕੋਈ ਪੈਰ ਤੋਂ ਸਿਰ ਤੱਕ ਅਚੰਭੇ ਨਾਲ ਝਾਕੇ, ਬਈ ਇਹ ਕਿਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਖਿਡਾਰੀ ਨੇ। 30 ਘੰਟਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਲੰਬੇ ਸਫਰ ਦੌਰਾਨ 30 ਘੰਟਿਆਂ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਬੰਨ੍ਹੀਆਂ ਪੱਗਾਂ ਨੇ ਵੀ ਵਾਹਵਾ ਥਕਾਵਟ ਦਿੱਤੀ। ਦੂਸਰੇ ਪਾਸੇ ਕੋਚ ਬਲਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਟਿੱਚਰਾਂ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਨਾ ਹੀ ਜਹਾਜ਼ ਦੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਮੁਲਾਜ਼ਮ ਨੂੰ ਬਖਸ਼ਿਆ, ਨਾ ਹੀ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਸੌਣ ਦਿੱਤਾ।

ਅਖੀਰ ਡਿਗਦੇ-ਢਹਿੰਦੇ, ਥੱਕਦੇ-ਥਕਾਉਂਦੇ ਅਸੀਂ 21 ਮਈ ਨੂੰ ਲਾਸ ਏਂਜਲਸ ਪਹੁੰਚੇ। ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਦਾ 13 ਘੰਟਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਮਗਰ ਹੋਣ ਕਾਰਨ ਸਾਡੀ ਤਾਂ 21 ਮਈ ਹੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਮੁੱਕੀ। ਏਅਰ ਪੋਰਟ 'ਤੇ ਗੋਰਿਆਂ ਨੇ ਵਾਹਵਾ ਚੈਕਿੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ, ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਸਾਡੇ ਖਿਡਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਚਿੱਟੀਆਂ ਪੱਗਾਂ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਤਾਲਿਬਾਨੀਆਂ ਦਾ ਭੁਲੇਖਾ ਪਾਉਂਦੀਆਂ ਸਨ। ਅਖੀਰ, ਚੈਕਿੰਗ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਜਦੋਂ ਅਸੀਂ ਏਅਰਪੋਰਟ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਨਿਕਲੇ ਤਾਂ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਸੰਪਰਦਾ ਦੀ ਸੰਗਤ ਤੇ ਹਾਕੀ ਚਹੇਤੇ ਨਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ, ਜਤਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ, ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਟੀਮ ਨੂੰ ਜੀ ਆਇਆਂ ਆਖਦਿਆਂ ਆਪੋ-ਆਪਣੀਆਂ ਗੱਡੀਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਬਿਠਾਇਆ। 9 ਵਜੇ ਦੇ ਕਰੀਬ ਨਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਘਰ ਲੰਗਰ ਪਾਣੀ ਛਕ ਕੇ ਟੀਮ ਸਿਮੀ ਵੈਲੀ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ ਦੇ ਗਰੈਂਡ ਵਿਸਟਾ ਹੋਟਲ ਪਹੁੰਚੀ। ਹੋਟਲ ਵਿਚ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਸਹੂਲਤਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਫਾਈਵ ਸਟਾਰ ਹੋਟਲ ਤੋਂ ਘੱਟ ਨਹੀਂ ਸਨ।

ਸਵੇਰੇ ਨਾਸ਼ਤਾ ਕਰਨ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਅਸੀਂ ਮੂਰਕ ਪਾਰਕ ਕਾਲਜ ਦੇ ਫੀਲਡ ਹਾਕੀ ਸਟੇਡੀਅਮ ਵਿਚ ਗਏ। ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਟੀਮ ਨੇ ਲੰਮਾ-ਚੌੜਾ ਅਭਿਆਸ ਕੀਤਾ। ਲਾਸ ਏਂਜਲਸ ਦੇ ਮੂਰਕ ਪਾਰਕ ਬੈਠਿਆਂ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੀਮ ਦੀ ਇਕ ਇਤਿਹਾਸਕ ਘਟਨਾ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਯਾਦ ਆਈ, ਜਦੋਂ ਇਸੇ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ ਈਸਟ ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀ ਦੇ ਹਾਕੀ ਮੈਦਾਨ ਵਿਚ 1932 ਦੀਆਂ ਉਲੰਪਿਕ ਖੇਡਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੀਮ ਨੇ ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਨੂੰ 24-1 ਗੋਲਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਹਰਾ ਕੇ ਸੋਨ ਤਗਮਾ ਜਿੱਤ ਕੇ ਅਜਿਹਾ ਕੀਰਤੀਮਾਨ ਰਚਿਆ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਅੱਜ ਤੱਕ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਟੀਮ ਕਿਸੇ ਉਲੰਪਿਕ 'ਚ ਅਜਿਹੀ ਵੱਡੀ ਜਿੱਤ ਹਾਸਿਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰ ਸਕੀ। ਭਾਰਤੀ ਟੀਮ ਦੇ ਚੈਂਪੀਅਨ ਬਣਨ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਧਿਆਨ ਚੰਦ, ਰੂਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਸਾਥੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਤਾਰੀਫ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਅਮਰੀਕਨ ਮੀਡੀਆ ਨੇ ਉਸ ਵੇਲੇ ਅਖਬਾਰਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਸੀ ਕਿ 'ਪੂਰਬ ਵਿਚੋਂ ਹਾਕੀ ਦਾ ਇਕ ਅਜਿਹਾ ਤੂਫਾਨ ਉਠ ਕੇ ਲਾਸ ਏਂਜਲਸ ਉਲੰਪਿਕ ਖੇਡਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਆਇਆ, ਜੋ ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਅਤੇ ਜਾਪਾਨ ਦੀ ਹਾਕੀ ਨੂੰ ਤਬਾਹ ਕਰ ਗਿਆ। ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਹੁਣ ਜਾਂ ਤਾਂ ਹਾਕੀ ਖੇਡਣਾ ਛੱਡ ਦੇਵੇ ਜਾਂ ਫੇਰ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੀਮ ਬਰਫ ਵਾਲੇ ਬੂਟ ਇਕ ਹੱਥ ਨਾਲ ਹਾਕੀ ਖੇਡੇ। ਸ਼ਾਇਦ ਫਿਰ ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਦੀ ਹਾਕੀ ਭਾਰਤ ਦਾ ਮੁਕਾਬਲਾ ਕਰ ਸਕੇ।' ਇਹ ਘਟਨਾ ਅਸੀਂ ਜਦੋਂ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਹਾਕੀ ਖਿਡਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਦੱਸੀ ਤਾਂ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਾਰਿਆਂ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਜੁਝਾਰੂਪਨ ਦੀ ਭਾਵਨਾ ਦਰਸਾਉਂਦਿਆਂ ਆਖਿਆ, 'ਸਾਡੇ ਲਈ ਕੈਲ ਕੱਪ ਜਿੱਤਣਾ ਜ਼ਿੰਦਗੀ ਅਤੇ ਮੌਤ ਦਾ ਸਵਾਲ ਹੈ। ਅਸੀਂ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਹਾਕੀ ਦੀ ਲਾਜ ਬਚਾਵਾਂਗੇ।'



ਕੈਲੀਫੋਰਨੀਆ (ਅਮਰੀਕਾ) ਵਿਖੇ ਹੋਏ ਕੈਲੀਫੋਰਨੀਆ ਕੱਪ ਦੀ ਜੇਤੂ ਭਾਰਤ ਦੀ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਅਕੈਡਮੀ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਅਤੇ ਹੇਠਾਂ ਕੁੜੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਵਰਗ ਵਿਚ ਜਿੱਤੀ ਅਰਜਨਟਾਈਨਾ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ

ਟੂਰਨਾਮੈਂਟ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੋਇਆ। ਟੂਰਨਾਮੈਂਟ ਕੀ ਸੀ, ਵਾਕਿਆ ਹੀ ਹਾਕੀ ਦਾ ਇਕ ਹੜ੍ਹ ਸੀ। ਮੈਂ ਤਾਂ ਹੁਣ ਤੱਕ ਭਾਰਤ ਵਿਚ ਵੀ ਇਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਤੇ ਇੰਨੀ ਵਧੀਆ ਹਾਕੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਦੇਖੀ। 9 ਸਾਲ ਦੀ ਉਮਰ ਵਰਗ ਤੋਂ ਲੈ ਕੇ 55 ਸਾਲ ਵਰਗ ਦੇ ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ 16 ਵਰਗਾਂ ਦੇ ਮੁਕਾਬਲੇ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੋਏ। ਕੁੱਲ 133 ਟੀਮਾਂ ਖੇਡੀਆਂ। ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਖਿੱਚ ਦਾ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਮਰਦਾਂ ਤੇ ਇਸਤਰੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਸੁਪਰ ਲੀਗ ਹਾਕੀ ਸੀ। ਮਰਦਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਜਦੋਂ ਉਲੰਪੀਅਨ ਹਰਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੀ ਕਪਤਾਨੀ ਹੇਠ ਸਨਫਰਾਂਸਿਸਕੋ ਕਲੱਬ ਨੂੰ 10-1 ਨਾਲ, ਡਰਟੀ ਕਲੱਬ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਨੂੰ 2-0 ਨਾਲ, ਪੈਸੇਫਿਕ ਕਲੱਬ ਨੂੰ 7-1 ਨਾਲ, ਮਿਸਟਰੀ ਕਲੱਬ ਨੂੰ 8-1 ਨਾਲ ਜਿੱਤ ਦਾ ਹੂੰਝਾ ਫੇਰਿਆ। ਲੱਗਿਆ ਕਿ ਮਾਮਲਾ ਸੌਖਾ ਹੀ ਫਤਹਿ ਹੋ ਜਾਊ। ਪਰ ਲੀਗ ਦੇ ਵਿਚ ਵਿਚਾਲੇ ਅਰਜਨਟਾਈਨਾ ਦੀ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੀਮ ਦਾ ਗੜ੍ਹ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਕੌਮਾਂਤਰੀ ਖਿਡਾਰੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਸਜੀ ਬਿਊਨਿਸ ਆਇਰਸ ਕਲੱਬ ਅਰਜਨਟਾਈਨਾ ਨੇ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ 2-1 ਨਾਲ ਚਿੱਤ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ।

ਇਕ ਵਾਰ ਤਾਂ ਕੰਬਣੀ ਜਿਹੀ ਹੀ ਛਿੜ ਪਈ। ਅਖੀਰ ਫਾਈਨਲ ਮੁਕਾਬਲੇ ਦੀ ਵਾਰੀ ਆਈ। ਮਰਦਾਂ ਦੇ ਫਾਈਨਲ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਅਰਜਨਟਾਈਨਾ ਦੀਆਂ ਕੁੜੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਨੂੰ 4-0 ਨਾਲ ਹਰਾ ਕੇ ਬਾਜ਼ੀ ਜਿੱਤੀ। ਦੋਹਾਂ ਮੁਲਕਾਂ ਦੇ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਗਾਇਨ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਫਾਈਨਲ ਮੁਕਾਬਲਾ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੋਇਆ। ਕਿਆ ਸਵਾਦ ਵਾਲਾ ਮੈਚ ਸੀ। ਉਥੇ ਚਾਰ ਹਜ਼ਾਰ ਦੇ ਕਰੀਬ ਦਰਸ਼ਕ-ਹਾਕੀ ਪ੍ਰੇਮੀ ਦੋਹਾਂ ਟੀਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਤੇਜ਼-ਤਰਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਕਲਾਤਮਿਕ ਹਾਕੀ ਦੇਖ ਕੇ ਅਸ਼-ਅਸ਼ ਕਰ ਉਠੇ। ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਅਰਜਨਟਾਈਨਾ ਦੀ ਰੱਖਿਆ ਪੰਕਤੀ ਦੀ ਚੱਕਰੀ ਤਾਂ ਚੰਗੀ ਘੁਮਾਈ, ਪਰ ਅਰਜਨਟਾਈਨਾ ਦੇ ਗੋਲਕੀਪਰ ਦੀ ਖੇਡ ਦਾ ਵੀ ਕੋਈ ਜਵਾਬ ਨਹੀਂ। ਅਖੀਰ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਇਲੈਵਨ 3-2 ਨਾਲ ਜੇਤੂ ਬਣੀ। ਪੰਜਾਬੀਆਂ ਦਾ ਹਾਕੀ ਮੋਹ ਦੇਖਣ ਵਾਲਾ ਸੀ। ਉਹ ਜਿੱਤ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਇਕ ਦੂਜੇ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਧਾਈਆਂ ਦੇ ਰਹੇ ਸਨ, ਜਿਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੀਮ ਨੇ ਵਿਸ਼ਵ ਕੱਪ ਜਾਂ ਉਲੰਪਿਕ ਜਿੱਤ ਲਈ ਹੋਵੇ।

ਇਕ ਵੱਡਾ ਸਾਰਾ ਝੁਰਮੁੱਟ ਠਾਕੁਰ ਉਦੇ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਵਧਾਈ ਦਿੰਦਿਆਂ ਸਵਾਲ ਕਰ ਰਿਹਾ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੀਮ ਦੀ ਜਿੱਤ ਨੂੰ ਕੀ ਘੁਣ ਲੱਗ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ? ਤਾਂ ਠਾਕੁਰ ਜੀ ਬੜੇ ਆਤਮ-ਵਿਸ਼ਵਾਸ ਨਾਲ ਆਖ ਰਹੇ ਸਨ ਕਿ ਮੈਂ ਤਾਂ ਦੋ ਸਾਲ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਹੀ ਜੋਤੀ ਕੁਮਾਰਨ ਨੂੰ ਆਖਿਆ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਤਿੰਨ ਸਾਲ ਟੀਮ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਹਵਾਲੇ ਕਰ ਦਿਓ, 2008 ਉਲੰਪਿਕ ਖੇਡਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਕੋਈ ਇਕ ਮੈਡਲ ਸਾਡੇ ਤੋਂ ਲੈ ਲਿਓ, ਪਰ ਕੋਈ ਸੁਣੇ ਤਾਂ ਸਹੀ। ਚੰਨਾ ਆਲਮਗੀਰ ਸਿਆਟਲ ਤੋਂ, ਬੂਟਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੌਹਲ, ਪਾਲੀ ਪੀ.ਏ.ਯੂ. ਵਾਲਾ, ਐਸ. ਐਸ. ਬਾਜਵਾ, ਪਾਲਾ ਪਟਿਆਲੇ ਵਾਲਾ, ਚੰਨੀ, ਸ਼ਿਲੀ, ਜੱਗੀ ਗੁੱਜਰਵਾਲ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਕਈ ਪੁਰਾਣੇ ਨਾਮੀ ਖਿਡਾਰੀ ਆਪੋ-ਆਪਣੇ ਟਿਕਾਣਿਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਕੈਲ ਕੱਪ ਨੂੰ ਦੇਖਣ ਲਈ ਉਚੇਚੇ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਪਹੁੰਚੇ। ਅਸੀਂ ਰਾਤੋ-ਰਾਤ ਲਾਸ ਏਂਜਲਸ ਤੋਂ ਸੈਕਰਾਮੈਂਟੋ ਨੂੰ ਚਾਲੇ ਪਾਏ ਅਤੇ ਅੱਧੀ ਰਾਤ ਜਾ ਕੇ ਫਰਿਜਨੋਂ ਤੋਂ ਖਬਰਾਂ ਅਖਬਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਭੇਜੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਤਕੜੇ ਦੇ ਕਰੀਬ ਜਾ ਕੇ ਬੂਟਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਤੇਹਿੰਗ ਦੇ ਘਰ ਰਾਤ ਕੱਟੀ ਅਤੇ ਕੈਲ ਕੱਪ ਹਾਕੀ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਈ ਘਟਨਾਵਾਂ ਚੇਤੇ ਵਿਚ ਸਮਾ ਗਈਆਂ। (ਚਲਦਾ)

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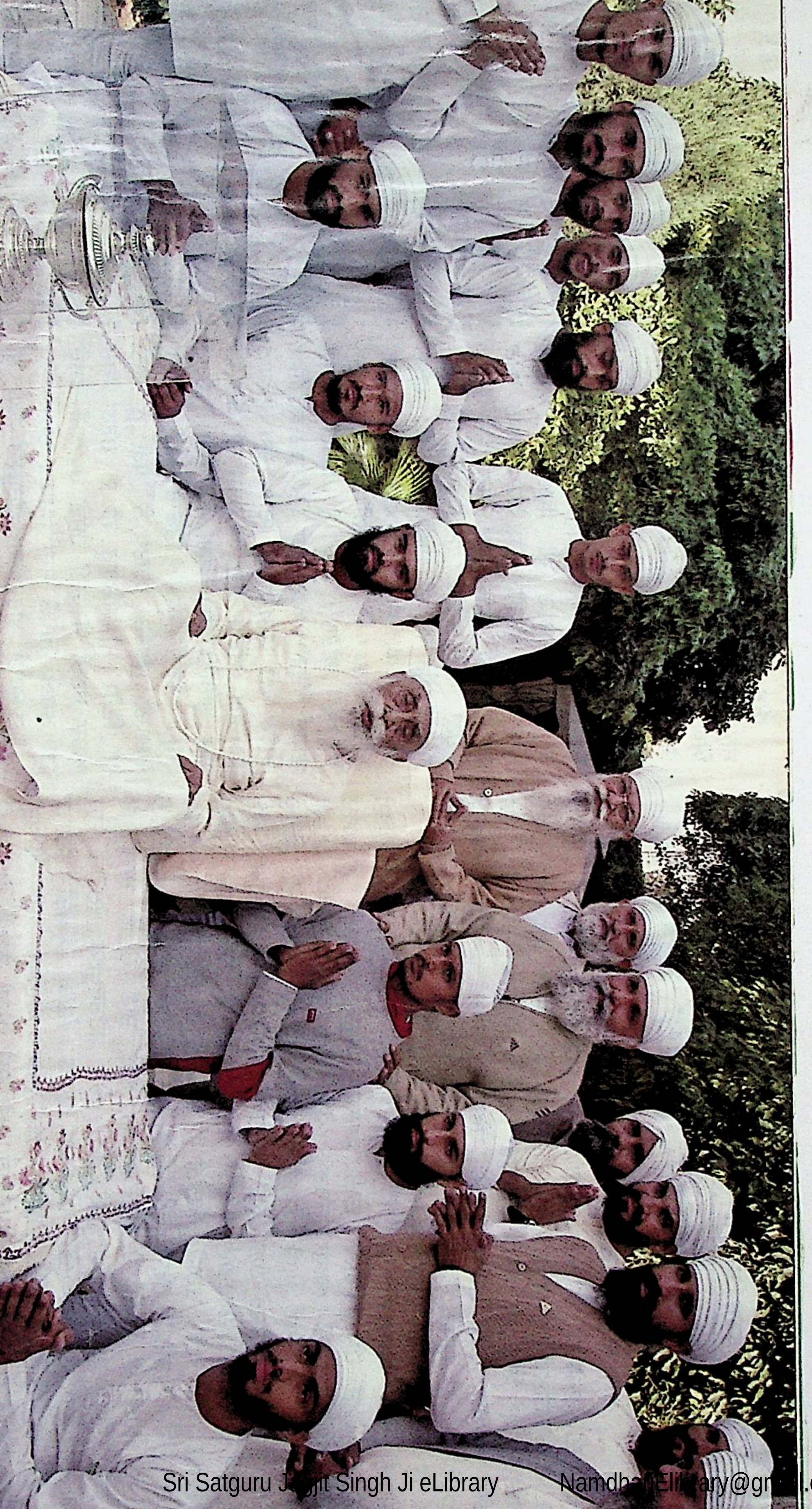
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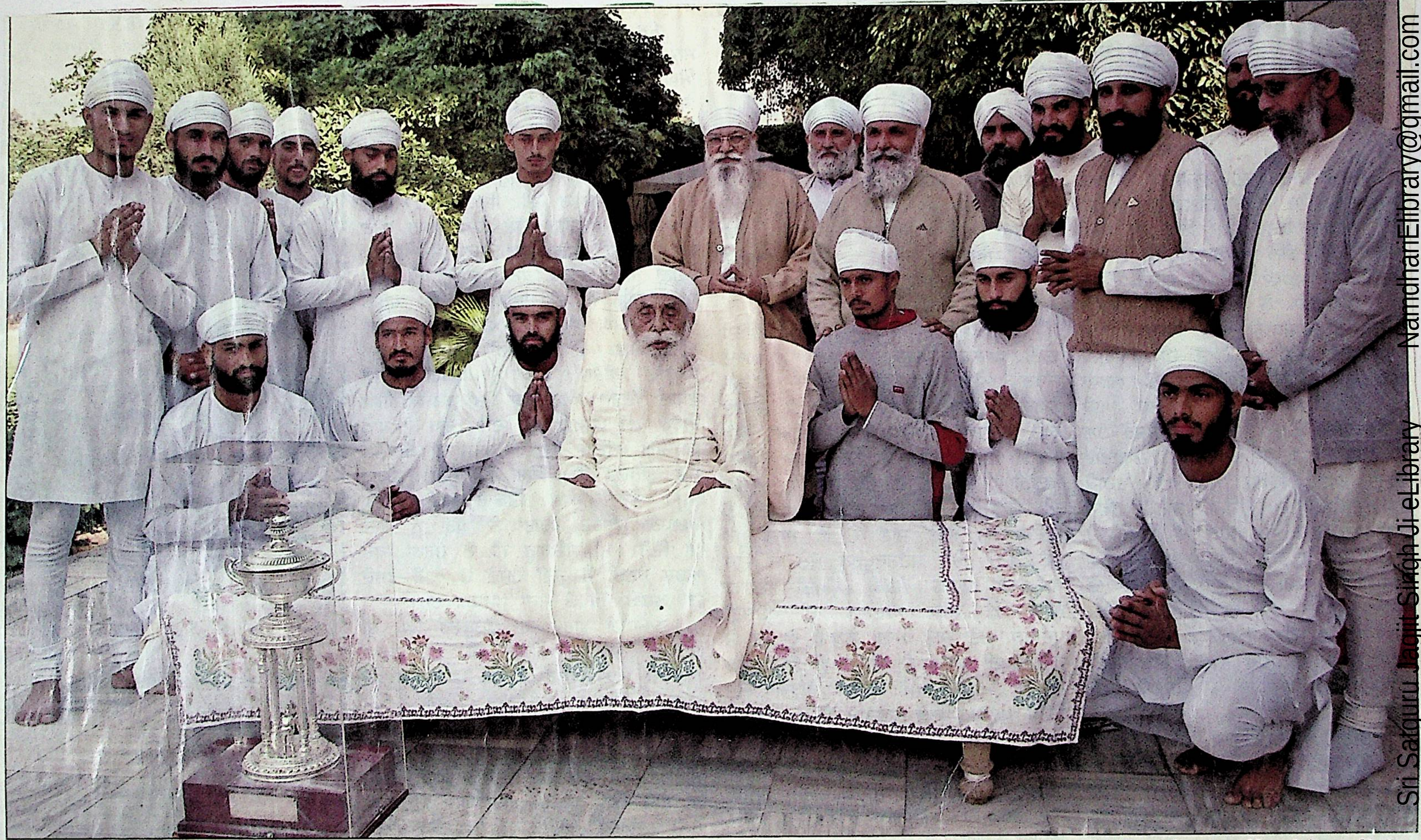
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Namdhari registered their first win over Orange County Surfers Hockey Club, defeating them 7-1. In the super league phase that followed, Namdhari was placed in pool A, which included teams that featured players from USA (under-21) squad. Namdhari trounced Mystery Team 5-1 and Unknown Heroes 8-1. In a match against Boekainers of Holland, a team having a number of Dutch Olympians, the visiting side lost th[illegible] match 3-2. Though Indian club had the maximum ball possession they could not convert the number of chances that came their way.

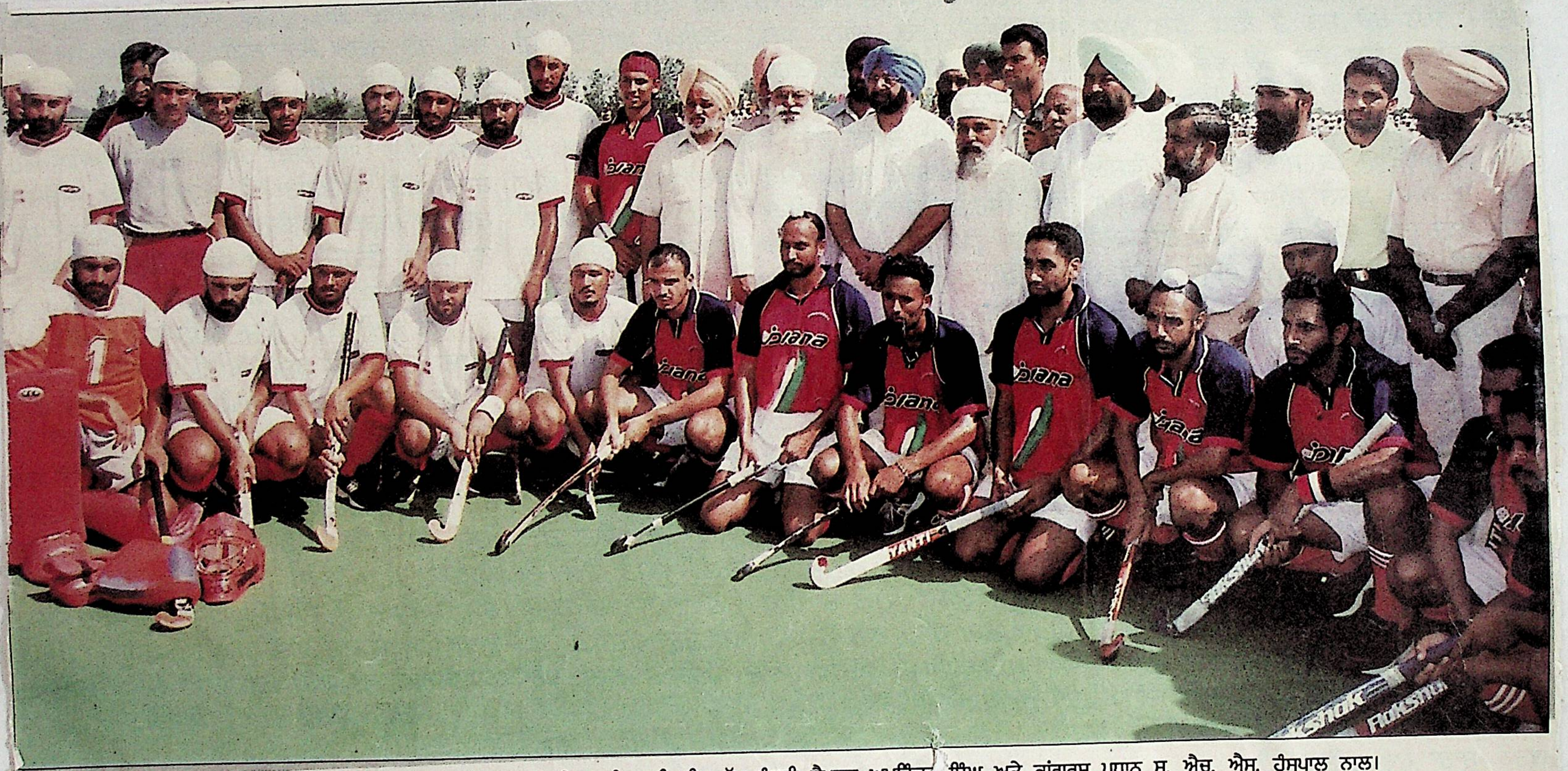
This loss meant that Namdhari had to face the top team from the other group in the semifinal leg of the tournament. In a semifinal game, Argentinean Club thrashed Namdhari 4-2. Lethal Argentinean forward Jorge Lombi, was the main architect in the win and scored three of the total four goals scored by the rival team. In the last match played to decide the third place, Namdhari drubbed Boekaniers Club 7-1 to avenge the earlier suffered defeat.







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Clash of a Different Kind

■Parishmita Gogoi
■Shaghil Bilali



Player of the match Bikramjit Singh (white) in action against a Namdhari player at Shivaji Stadium.

Long after one saw the ugly affair between two prominent hockey teams, Indian Oil and Namdhari XI late last year during Nehru Cup, the two teams clashed again, not off-field but on-field at the ongoing 17th LB Shastri Tournament. This time, there was no fist clenching or venomous word-spewing between the teams but heated arguments with the referees. On the whole, it was a peaceful affair and the match between the two sides ended in a draw of 2-2.

Although the Oil major dominated from the very start and Deedar Singh through a fourth-minute penalty corner gave them lead. Though Namdhari XI got ample opportunities to equalise, it was only after four unsuccessful penalty corners that Namdhari XI scored their first goal through a penalty stroke. Gurpreet Singh scored the equaliser in the 31st minute for Namdhari XI. Till half time, the score line read 1-1.

After half time, Indian Oil bounced back and Bikramjit Singh took the lead through a penalty corner in the 39th minute. It was Inderjit Singh Chaddha's push which was drag flicked into the nets by 'Player of the match' Bikramjit Singh. But soon Namdhari XI's Gurcharan Singh scored the equaliser for his team in the 51st minute by deflecting a free hit that went straight home.

In other matches Air India defeated PNB by 4-3, while Indian Airlines got the better off ONGC by 3-2 in the first match of the day. BPCL also marked an easy win against BSF by 3-1. ■ (AG)

SHASTRI HOCKEY

नामधारी को खिताब

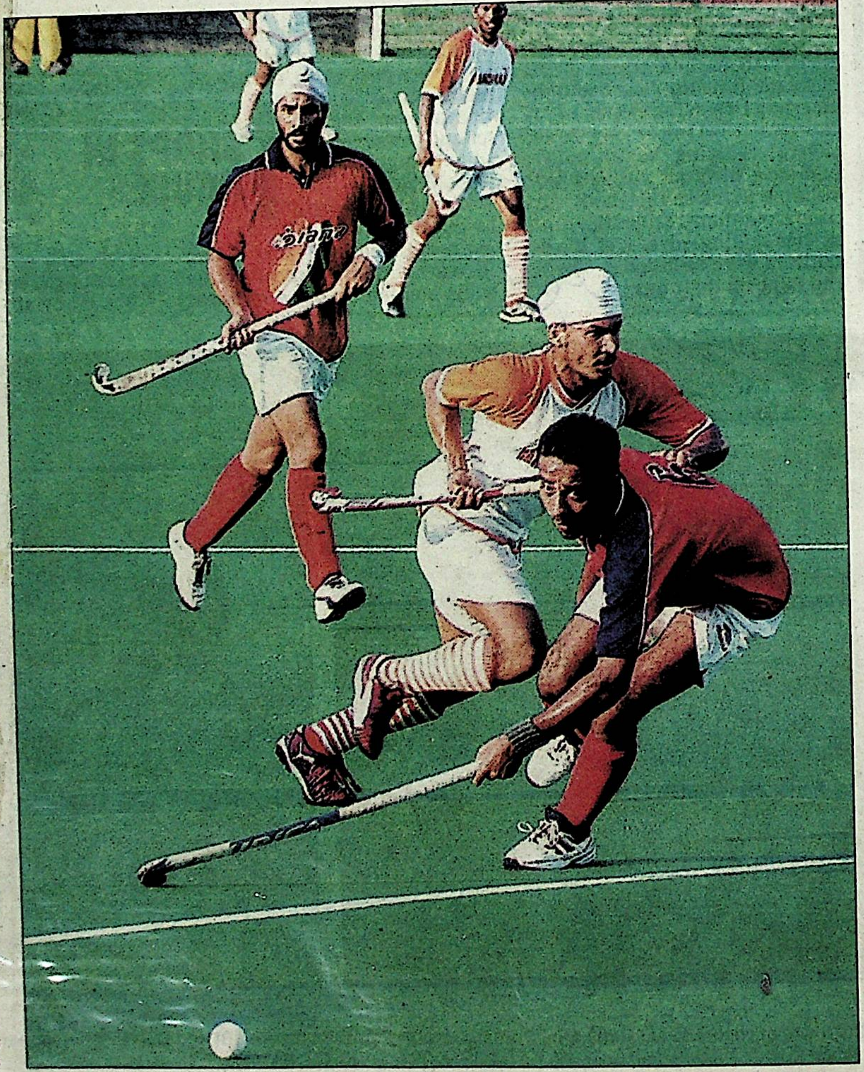
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IOC, Namdhari XI enter semis



SAMUEL/HT

A match between Punjab Police and Namdhari XI in progress during the Gurmit Memorial Hockey Tournament at the Sector 42 Hockey Stadium on Saturday.

HT LIVE Correspondent
Chandigarh, September 30

NAMDHARI XI and Indian Oil Corporation have made it to the semi-final of the Hutch 36th S.N. Vohra All India Gurmit Memorial Hockey Tournament being played at Sector 42 Hockey Stadium. While Namdhari XI edged past Punjab Police 1-0, Indian Oil Corporation thrashed Ropar Hawks 8-0 to enter the semi-finals.

The Indian Oil had several currently out-of-favour India players like Deepak Thakur, Prabhjot Singh, Inderjeet Chadha in their ranks and they gave no chance whatsoever to the hapless Ropar Hawks and pumped in as many as eight goals.

They opened their account in the 10th minute and thereafter it literally rained goals in the match. They were literally camping in the Ropar Hawks' half and the forwards were piercing the defence almost at will to bang the board time and again. The Ropar Hawks at times were reduced to mere spectators in the face of ferocious IOC onslaught.

The score at half time read 3-0 in favour of IOC.

The IOC onslaught gathered more pace in the second half and they pumped in five more goals to decimate their opponents.

In the other quarter-final, Namdhari XI edged past Punjab Police 1-0 to enter the semis. Namdhari XI converted a short corner in the 16th minute and held on to the slender lead until the finish.

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Namdharis are champs again

NIDHI Bhanot
Ludhiana, March 22

THE LOCALS and hot favorites, Namdhari-XI grabbed the title of 4th All India Guru Gobind Singh Hockey tournament by outplaying Indian Airlines in the final (2-1) at the Prithipal Hockey Stadium in Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) here today.

In a fast and exciting match both teams started of aggressively but it was Namdhari's who took the lead in the 3rd minute of the game in the form of a field goal by Sher Singh. Sher Singh dribbled past the Indian Airlines defense to sound the board.

Indian Airlines retaliated in the 23-rd minute of the game through Gurvinder Singh to score an equalizer score (1-1). The score remained same till half time.

After the interval both the teams renewed their efforts but missed many chances. However, in the dying moments of the match Namdhari-XI thrashed a field goal in the 63rd minute of the game to register a win. Then on Indian Airlines made futile attempts to score an equalizer but failed.



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The jubilant Namdhari team after winning the All India Guru Gobind Singh Hockey tournament being played at Prithipal Hockey Stadium in PAU on Thursday. They defeated Indian Airlines 2-1 to clinch the title.

During the match Namdhari-XI were given two penalty corners in the 45th and 52nd minute, while Indian Airlines were given four penalty corners in the 5th, 15th, 26th and 47th minute of the game but they failed to avail any chance. Earlier, an exhibition match was played between Media-XI and Namdhari Veterans, which was won by the Namdhari-XI veterans by winning 2-1.

In the closing ceremony the chief guest of the day, Cabinet Minister Punjab, Master Mohan Lal, gave away prices to the winners.

The winners, Namdhari's received the cash award of Rs 51,000 and the trophy while the runners-up Indian Airlines had to satisfy with Rs 31,000 only. Master Mohan Lal further assured that from next year the Doordarshan would telecast these matches live and the whole expenditure would be paid by Punjab Sports department.

Namdhari XI, BPCL enter semis

Gurmit Memorial Hockey Tournament

HT Live Correspondent
Chandigarh, September 28

NAMDHARI XI defeated Indian Airlines, while BPCL beat BSF to enter the semifinal of the 34th SN Vohra Gurmit Memorial Hockey Tournament being held at Sector 42 hockey Stadium here today. For the other semifinal berths, Army XI will play Punjab and Sind Bank, while Punjab Police to take on Western Railway tomorrow.

In the first quarterfinal match played today, Namdhari XI got the better of Indian Airlines in a well-contested match. Both the teams put in their best efforts to penetrate each other's defence but not until the last minute of the first half when Sher Singh put Namdhari in the lead by scoring a field goal.

The second half too started on an aggressive note from both the sides and it was in the 58th minute that Indian Airlines scored an equaliser through a penalty corner conversion by Samir.

But Namdhari XI took the lead again after three minutes when Gurcharan scored a fantastic field goal by the move initiated through the left flank in the 61st minute. But Ashok Kumar's IA boys were not to let the game slip off their hand and scored an equaliser again in the 64th minute through a field goal by Jagga. But it was Namdhari's day today, who came up with the winning goal through Didar in the dying moments to enter the last four stage.



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The match between Indian Airlines and Namdhari XI in progress during the 34th SN Vohra Gurmit Memorial Hockey Tournament being held at Sector 42 hockey Stadium in Chandigarh on Tuesday.

In another quarterfinal match, BPCL prevailed over BSF 2-1. Though the first half went goalless for both the teams, the next 35 minutes saw some good attacks and counter-attacks from both the sides. It was in the 55th minute of the game that BPCL took the lead when Amar Aiyappa deflected a shot by B. Pundick into the goal. Amar again scored for his team in the 65th minute by netting the ball through a move made on the left wing. But BSF narrowed the margin through Harbhajan Singh in the 69th minute.

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37ਵੇਂ ਐਸ.ਐਨ. ਵੋਹਰਾ ਆਲ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੂਰਨਾਮੈਂਟ ਦੀ ਜੇਤੂ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਟੀਮ ਦੇ ਖਿਡਾਰੀ (ਫੋਟੋ: ਪਰਦੀਪ ਤਿਵਾੜੀ)

Namdharis regain title after 15 years



The victorious Namdhari team with the Shastri Cup in the Capital on Monday

Picture: RAHUL IRANI

By **Sandeep Narayan**
in New Delhi

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> **'Rally from a goal down to beat PNB in tie-breaker'**

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Later, they upped the ante and went into attacking mode. In the 21st minute, the Namdharis earned their second penalty corner. After that came a string of penalty corners for the Punjab team as they gained another five in a row.

The Namdharis enjoyed more ball possession in the first half but their raids on the opposition goal post were ineffective. Relying on counterattacks, PNB started looking a more dangerous side. Though they got only a few chances to score towards the end of the first half, it was enough to rattle the opposition.

The closest they came was in the 30th minute when Sandip Kumar sent one past the keeper only to find the corner of the post. The two teams were goalless at half time.

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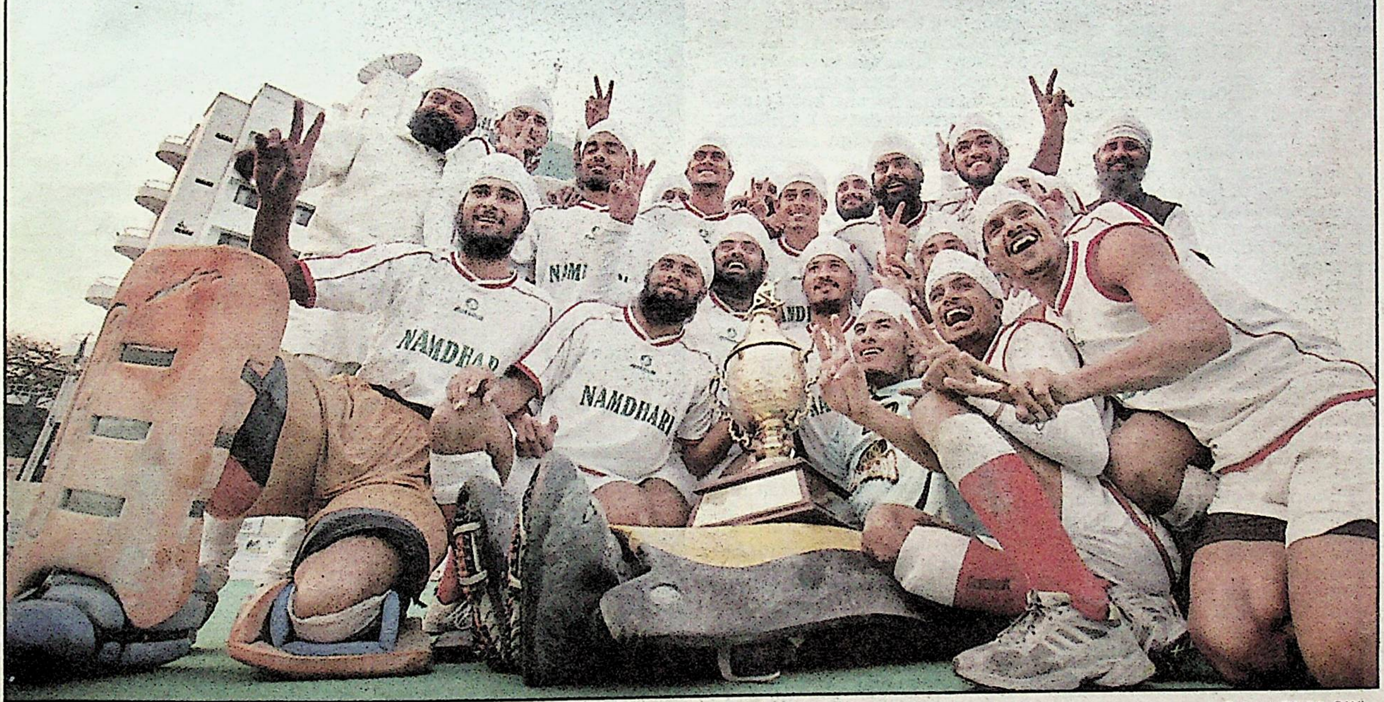
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जालंधर। नामधारी एकादश ने 62वीं सीनियर नेशनल हॉकी चैंपियनशिप में अब तक का सबसे बड़ा उलटफेर करते हुए ओलंपिक खिलाड़ियों से सुसज्जित इंडियन एयरलाइंस को 1-0 से शिकस्त देते हुए सेमीफाइनल में प्रवेश कर लिया। अन्य मुकाबलों में सोमवार को दिल्ली ने मुंबई को 5-4 और सेना की टीम ने चंडीगढ़ को 2-0 से हराया।

धनराज पिल्लै, आरिन डिसूजा, बिमल लाकड़ा और अर्जुन हल्लपा जैसे खिलाड़ियों की मौजूदगी में इंडियन एयरलाइंस ने हमले तो काफी किए, वह नामधारी की रक्षा पंक्ति को भेदने में नाकाम रहे। मध्यांतर तक कोई टीम गोल नहीं कर सकी। आखिरकार नामधारी इलेवन ने 39वें मिनट में मिले मौके को गोल में तब्दील कर चैंपियनशिप के समीकरण बदल दिए। मैच का एकमात्र गोल शेर सिंह ने किया। हालांकि पूर्व ओलंपियन धनराज पिल्लै को गोल के काफी मौके मिले मगर वह बेरंग दिखे। सुबह के पहले मैच में दिल्ली ने मुंबई को 5-4 से पराजित किया। मैच के दूसरे ही मिनट में मुंबई के कप्तान स्टेनली फर्नांडिज ने टीम को 1-0 की बढ़त दिला दी, मगर 12वें मिनट में दिल्ली ने गोल करते हुए स्कोर को बराबर किया। इसके बाद 30वें मिनट में मिले पेनाल्टी कार्नर से मुंबई की टीम ने एक बार फिर से विकास के गोल से बढ़त बनाई। मध्यांतर तक स्कोर मुंबई टीम के पक्ष में 2-1 रहा। इसके बाद दिल्ली ने मुंबई पर गोल की बरसात करते हुए 38वें, 40वें और 47वें मिनट में गोल जाल भेद स्कोर को 4-2 से अपने पक्ष में कर लिया। इसके बाद मुंबई की टीम ने 53वें मिनट में गोल अंतर (4-3) को कम किया, मगर अगले ही मिनट में दिल्ली को मिले पेनाल्टी स्ट्रोक से स्कोर 5-3 हो गया। मैच के 65वें मिनट में मुंबई ने अपना चौथा गोल दागा। हालांकि इसके बाद मुंबई ने कई बार वापसी का प्रयास किया लेकिन वह विफल रहे।

सेना और चंडीगढ़ की टीमों के बीच हुए मैच में सेना की टीम ने चडीगढ़ की टीम को 2-0 से मात दी। मैच के 14वें मिनट में राजेश लाकड़ा की ओर से पहला और 23वें में इलजर लाकड़ा की ओर से दूसरा गोल किया गया।

increase the margin...

Set for kick-off

The Mahindra MFL will begin on Wednesday and it promises to be as exciting as last year

DNA Correspondent. Mumbai

Once again it's time to kick the ball. The Mahindra Mumbai Football League (MFL) gets underway at the Cooperage Ground here on Wednesday with the Elite and Super Division matches — provided the weather is good — and this time it promises to different in almost every sense of the term.

mfl league

Firstly, besides the title sponsors Mahindra, the MFL has managed to rope in two new sponsors — in Nature Valley and Elder Pharmaceuticals (the manufacturers of Tiger Balm) — and that explains the substantial increase in prize money. A host of promotional offers for players and spectators alike were also announced by Alan Durante of Mahindra & Mahindra and Sanjeev Saran of Saran Presents, the promoters, at a press conference on Monday.

Announcing the new initiatives, Saran said that the Nature Valley man of the match award of Re 1,000 would be given for each of the 49 league matches in the preliminary stage, while this amount would be doubled to Rs 2,000 for each of the 15 league matches in the play-off stage. He further added that a Tiger Balm Fair Play Trophy would be awarded to the teams with the least number of cards, along with a cash prize of Rs 20,000. Tiger Balm Qualifier Awards of Rs 10,000 each would also be given to the four teams that qualified for the Elite Division play-off league.

A total of 17 teams will feature in the Elite Division, with the two NFL teams, Mahindra United and Air India seeded directly into the play-off league. The remaining 15 teams have been divided into two groups and will play a single leg league, from which the top two teams from each group will advance into the play-off to join Mahindra United and Air-India. The six teams will again play a single leg league, from which the teams finishing number 1 & 2 will be declared the winner and runner-up of the Harwood League.

The team finishing last in each group at the end of the preliminary league will be demoted to the Super Division for the 2008-09 season. The Super Division will have 9 teams, who will play a single leg preliminary league, from which five teams will advance into a play-off league. The teams finishing number 1 & 2 at the end of the play-off league will be declared winner and runner-up of the Super Division.

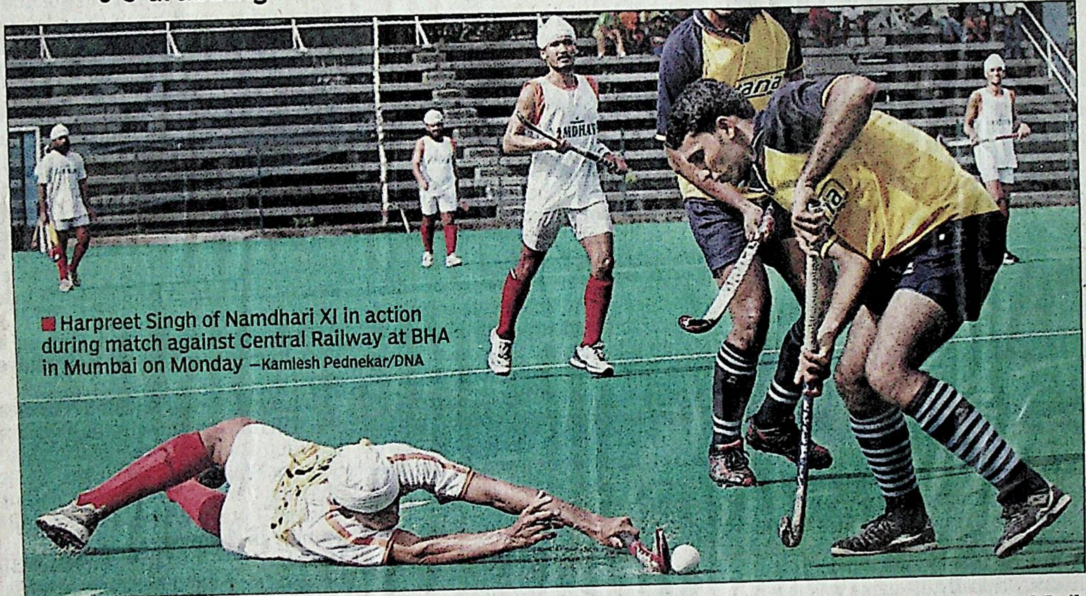
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Group A Akbar Travels, Bank of India, Western Railway, Kenkre Academy, MS Police, Mumbai United, ONGC

Group B BMFC, Central Railway Indian Navy, Mumbai Customs, Mumbai FC, Dena Bank, RCF, Union Bank

Namdharis unchallenged

The team from Ludhiana continue their imposing winning streak handing out a 6-3 drubbing to Central Railway; Air-India beat Mumbai Port Trust



Harpreet Singh of Namdhari XI in action during match against Central Railway at BHA in Mumbai on Monday —Kamlesh Pednekar/DNA

Abhishek Ghosh. Mumbai

The first goal in the match between Namdhari XI and Central Railway was scored in the 2nd minute, before the crowd could settle in their seats and the coaches could clear their throats to do all the screaming to follow during the match. The final score of 6-3 underlines Namdharis' overwhelming dominance throughout the tournament. As they won their sixth consecutive match of the tournament there seems no other team in the tournament capable of giving them a sustained fight.

Their dominance in the match can be measured by the fact that Central Railway — by no means underdogs — scored their first two goals in the opening 15 minutes, but could score only one more in the remaining time.

Namdhari XI started late but once they got their act together, they dictated the pace of the match. Namdhari players, younger than their opponents, had good coordination going between them and were constantly on the attack. There was not a moment's respite for Central Railway who were seen tiring towards the end.

"Our boys practice all year round back home and it showed in their fitness. Yes I'm very happy with the way the tournament has been progressing for us," said a very smug and satisfied looking coach, Balawant Singh.

Scoring five of their six goals in the second half, Namdhari's control with the ball was a delight to watch.

Later in the day Air India beat MbPT 3-2 in a see-saw of a match.

... Kanpur, which was to host the event, backs out as pools are not ready | **short** stories

Namdharis snatch victory to take home the cup

Beat Indian Airlines, 2-1, in final

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUDHIANA, MARCH 22

NAMDHARI XI grabbed the title by defeating Indian Airlines 2-1 in the final of the All India Guru Gobind Singh Gold Cup Hockey Tournament played at the Astroturf at the Prithipal Hockey Stadium in Punjab Agriculture University (PAU) here today.

The Namdhari players were impressive from the start displaying some fantastic stick work much to the delight of their fans who had travelled all the way from Bhani Sahib to support their team.

Their aggressive play paid off in the 3rd minute itself as Sher Singh sounded the board to give his team the lead (1-0).

Indian Airlines player Gurvinder Singh then gave his team cause to celebrate as he scored the equalizer in the 23rd minute (1-1).

Both teams continued to try hard but the scores remained locked at 1-1 till half-time. After the break, the players became more aggressive with Amolukh Singh even hitting Dhanraj Pilley in the face with the puck, though unintentionally. Namdhari then missed an easy chance to score and take the lead, the puck sailing over the bar. With neither team giving an inch, it looked like the match may go into extra-time.

But Namdhari managed to snatch victory through a goal in the 63rd minute. The Indian Airlines players continued to work hard but the second goal remained elusive.

For their efforts, Namdhari took home Rs 51,000 in prize money as well as the trophy while the Indian Airlines team received Rs 31,000.

At the prize distribution ceremony, Amrita Bose, general secretary, Indian Women's Hockey Federation (IWHF), was honoured by the chief guest Koko Walia and Dr. Manmohan Singh.

Punjab Transport Minister Master Mohan Lal, MLA Jalandhar Krishan Lal Bhandari, Deputy Director Sports Ramandeep Grewal and SSP Ludhiana RK Jassowal were among those



Jubilant team members of Namdhari XI with the All India Guru Gobind Singh Hockey Gold Cup at PAU on Thursday. Transport Minister Master Mohan Lal gives the-best-player-of-the-tournament award to Dhanraj Pilley of Indian Airlines. *Gurmeet Singh*

Hockey | Thrash SAI 4-0 in MHA League opener

Namdhari give the stick

Rajesh Pansare. Mumbai

Off late, Namdhari XI has been in news for their unruly behaviour on field, which has overshadowed their exciting brand of hockey. But on Thursday they showed what they are capable of when they thrashed Sports Authority of India (SAI), Mumbai 4-0 to open their campaign in grand style in the super division of the Mumbai Hockey League at Mahindra Stadium.

But Namdhari coach and former Olympian Didar Singh was not satisfied. "Though we won comfortably there were some silly mistakes, which would prove costly against a stronger team. But overall it was good performance."

"We have a relatively young team and playing in the Mumbai League will be a good exposure for them," Singh added.

Namdhari, who have been invited by the Mumbai Hockey Association to take part in the league, started on a good note scoring in the ninth minute of the first half through Sher Singh. The half-back was in sublime form as he pulled the strings in the midfield and created havoc in the opposition defence with accurate passes. Namdhari could have scored more goals once they went into the lead, but poor finishing led to their downfall.

After a spate of missed chances, Namdhari managed to score their second goal in the 25th minute through Gurvinder Singh after SAI defenders were unable to clear Namdhari's penalty corner effort.

Nothing was going right for SAI in the first half with Namdhari having the most of the possession. On the few occasions that they managed to get the ball in control, they weren't able to penetrate the opposition circle.

The second half started with Namdhari dictating the game while the sole objective for SAI was to prevent more goals. Though SAI defence managed to keep Namdhari players at bay, the floodgates opened in the 62nd minute with Sher Singh showing some deft stick work to put Namdhari in commanding position. The fourth goal came through a penalty corner scored by Swinder Singh 10 minutes from time to seal a convincing win for Namdhari.



Namdhari XI's Malak Singh attacks the SAI goal at the Mahindra Stadium on Thursday -Prakash Parsekar/DNA

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Namdharis lift hockey title

AKASH GHAI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE



Namdhari players celebrate with the trophy after beating Indian Airlines in the final of the 37th SN Vohra's All-India Gurmit Hockey Tournament at the Sector 42 Hockey Stadium in Chandigarh on Monday. — Tribune photo: Pradeep Tewari

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 12
Last year's runners-up Namdhari XI beat tough opponents Indian Airlines (IA) 8-7 in the final to win the 37th SN Vohra's All-India Gurmit Hockey Tournament at the Sector 42 Hockey Stadium here today.

The match was decided through sudden death after both teams were level 1-1 at the end of the regulation period and 5-5 after the tie-breaker.

The winners pocketed Rs 70,000 while the runners-up got Rs 45,000.

The first half went barren as the strong defence line of the Namdharis thwarted many good moves made by IA strikers. Airlines forwards Sandeep Michael and Dhanraj Pillay missed some easy goal-scoring chances, which cost their team dear.

Michael wasted a good move initiated by Pillay from the left flank as he could not collect a neat pass by the star striker in front of the Namdhari goal. In the 25th minute, Pillay, too, hit the ball a few yards wide off the target when he had only the goalkeeper to beat.

In the first minute of the action-packed second half, Joga Singh opened the account for the Namdharis, collecting a pass from Gurbaaz Singh from the right side of the 'D' area.

But the goal did not deter the determined IA strikers, who made a clinical attack to earn a penalty corner in the 37th minute. With great accuracy, drag-flicker Sandeep Singh pierced the defence to equal the score at 1-1.

The Namdharis got a penalty corner in the same minute but IA's alert custodian padded the shot out of the danger zone. Earlier, the Namdharis had wasted two penalty corners in the first half.

For IA, the second penalty corner came in the 68th minute. The golden chance was squandered and Ajay Marriya was shown the red card as he hit the dead ball.

In the tie-breaker, both teams were locked 5-5 as Gurvinder Singh (Namdharis) and Sandeep Michael (IA) missed their shots.

IA lost the match in sudden death as Arjun Halappa's shot was padded out by goalkeeper Harinder Singh.

Harinder Singh (Namdharis) was declared the best goalkeeper of the tournament, while Sandeep Singh (IA) got the best fullback award.

The best halfback title went to Viren Rasquinha (Indian Oil Corporation), while Saboo Virkey (BPCL) was awarded the best forward title in the tournament.

Punjab revenue minister Ajit Singh Kohar was the chief guest on the occasion.

Namdhari XI regains trophy

Special Correspondent



GREAT OCCASION: *This was the Namdharis' first win in the tournament since 1992.* – PHOTO: SANDEEP SAXENA

NEW DELHI: Namdhari XI won the Lal Bahadur Shastri hockey tournament defeating Punjab National Bank 3-2 in the tie-breaker after a 1-1 stalemate in regulation time in the final at the Shivaji Stadium here on Monday. It was only the second time that the Namdharis were winning the trophy, having won it in 1992 and finishing runner-up in 1993.

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Namdhari XI, on the other hand, forced a series of penalty corners including seven in the first half, without being able to breach the rival defence. Though a few variations were tried by the Namdharis during penalty corner sequences, goalkeeper Jasbeer Singh managed to thwart most of the attempts.

Ten minutes from the end, after it had wasted its ninth and last penalty corner, Namdhari XI equalised, with Karamjit Singh finding Bachitar Singh with a short pass inside the circle and the latter driving home to the delight of his team-mates.

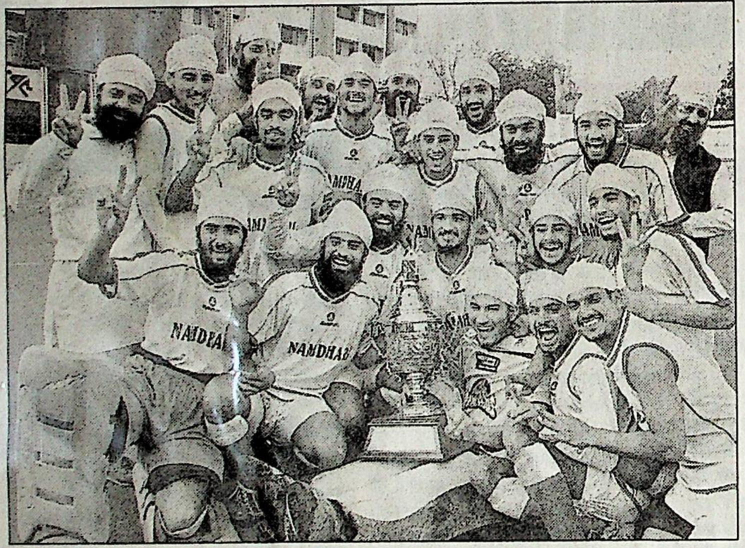
Fading light ruled out extra time and the tie-breaker marked a series of misses on either side before Gurvinder Singh clinched it for Namdhari XI by converting his side's last 'stroke. Amolak Singh and Sher Singh were the other scorers for the winner.

Gurcharan Singh and Harpal Singh missed.

For PNB, only Yudhveer and Jatinder Sarohа succeeded, with the first and last 'strokes. In between, poor attempts by Gagan Preet Singh, Bikas Topo and Banmali were blocked by goalkeeper Harjinder Singh.

नई दिल्ली, 4 दिसंबर, 2007 | खेल/राष्ट्रीय

नामधारी को शास्त्री हाकी का खिताब



खिताब के साथ नामधारी एकादश के खिलाड़ी। — ध्रुव कुमार

नई दिल्ली, खेल संवाददाता : 15 वर्षों के लंबे अंतराल के बाद नामधारी एकादश ने आज यहां 18वें अखिल भारतीय लाल बहादुर शास्त्री हाकी टूर्नामेंट का खिताब अपने नाम किया। उसने शिवाजी स्टेडियम पर खेले गए फाइनल में उसने पंजाब नेशनल बैंक को टाइब्रेकर में 4-3 से परास्त किया। निर्धारित समय तक दोनों ही टीमें 1-1 से बराबर पर थीं। नामधारी ने अंतिम बार यह खिताब वर्ष 1992 में जीता था। जबकि 1993 में वह उपविजेता रही थी। नामधारी और पंजाब नेशनल बैंक की टीमों के बीच मुकाबला काफी संघर्षपूर्ण रहा। नामधारी ने बैंक के खिलाफ आठ पेनाल्टी कार्नर अर्जित किए। मगर उन्हें सफलता नहीं मिली। मध्यांतर के बाद शुरू हुए खेल के दूसरे ही मिनट में बैंक के प्रमोद कुमार के बाईं छोर से भेजे लंबे पास को युद्धवीर ने रिवर्स शॉट लगाकर नामधारी के गोल का तख्ता बजा दिया। मगर उनकी यह बढ़त अंत तक कायम नहीं रह सकी।

60 वें मिनट में नामधारी अपने पिछली कमियों को सुधारते हुए बराबरी का गोल बना डाला। नामधारी के करमजीत सिंह ने बैंक खिलाड़ियों के रक्षात्मक खेल का फायदा उठाया और सर्कल से गेंद बछित्तर सिंह तक पहुंचा दिया। बछित्तर ने गेंद को बैंक के गोल पोस्ट में डालने में कोई चूक नहीं की। निर्धारित समय तक मुकाबला 1-1 से बराबर रहने के कारण फैसला टाइब्रेकर में गया। जहां बैंक के लिए युद्धवीर सिंह और जीतेन्द्र ही नामधारी के गोलकीपर हरजिंदर को भेद सके। जबकि नामधारी के अनमोलक सिंह, शेर सिंह तथा गुरविंदर सिंह ने विजयी गोल बना डाले। कल चार देशों के महिला अंतरराष्ट्रीय टूर्नामेंट में भारत का मुकाबला अजरबेजान से तथा मलेशिया का इटली से होगा।

नामधारी एकादश को गुरमीत हाकी खिताब



37वीं गुरमीत मेमोरियल हाकी टूर्नामेंट के फाइनल में इंडियन एयरलाइंस को 8-7 से हराने के बाद विजयी ट्राफी के साथ नामधारी इलेवन के खिलाड़ी। — जागरण

चंडीगढ़, खेल : एसएन वोहरा आल इंडिया गुरमीत मेमोरियल हाकी टूर्नामेंट का खिताब नामधारी एकादश ने जीत लिया। सोमवार को खेले गए रोमांचक फाइनल में नामधारी एकादश ने भारतीय हाकी सितारों से सजी इंडियन एयरलाइंस को सडन डेथ में 8-7 से शिकस्त दी। प्रतियोगिता में अंतिम समय तक मुकाबला 1-1 से बराबरी पर था और टाईब्रेकर में भी यह 5-5 से बराबरी पर ही रहा। इसके बाद सडन डेथ में हरिंदर ने अर्जुन हलप्पा की तीसरी हिट को रोककर टीम की जीत सुनिश्चित कर दी। धनराज पिल्ले, अर्जुन हलप्पा, संदीप सिंह जैसे सितारों से सजी इंडियन एयरलाइंस पर नामधारी ने दबाव बनाए रखा। टीम को मैच में कुल तीन पेनल्टी कार्नर हासिल हुए जिसमें टीम को भी गोल में नहीं बदल पाई। नामधारी को मात्र सफलता 36वें मिनट में जोगा सिंह ने मैदानी गोल द्वारा दिलाई। जिसे एयरलाइंस के लिए स्टार ड्रैग फ्लिकर संदीप सिंह ने बराबर कर दिया। इसके बाद एयरलाइंस को 68वें मिनट में पेनल्टी के रूप में सुनहरा मौका हासिल हुआ जिसे टीम सफलता में नहीं बदल सकी।

नामधारी इलेवन चैंपियन

मुख्य खेल संवाददाता ॥ नई दिल्ली
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महानगर खेल

जोगिंदर की हाफ सेंचुरी

जोगिंदर मावी (72), विजय (39), संतोष (3/34) और मोहम्मद असीम (3/13) की मदद से अल्पाइन क्लब ने डीडीसीए लीग सुपर प्लेट डिविजन में मलिक स्पोर्ट्स को 95 रन से हरा दिया।

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Shastrihockey

Namdhari XI lift title

Uthra Ganesan
New Delhi, December 3

IT WAS heartbreak for Punjab National Bank in their maiden final of the Lal Bahadur Shastri hockey tournament here on Monday, when they lost the title in the dying minutes of the game to Namdhari XI.

Despite being the dominant team for most of the match and trying their best to score, the bankmen failed to capitalise on the several chances that came their way, and paid the price.

In contrast, the Namdharis, who won their second title in three attempts in the tournament, made the most of the few opportunities they got.

The first half of the match saw both teams taking only the occasional shot at the goal, seemingly more content with sizing up the opposition. PNB, however, kept up the pressure and Namdharis' goalkeeper Harjinder Singh deserved credit for managing to keep PNB forwards — Pramod Kumar and Yudhvir Singh in particular — at bay.

The second half, however, was a completely different affair, with the game picking up pace by several notches. Three minutes after the restart, an unmarked Pramod passed on the ball to Yudhvir, who made no mistake in reverse-flicking it past the Namdhari goalkeeper to put PNB in lead.



VIRENDRA SINGH GOSAIN/HT

Namdhari XI *(in white)* and Punjab National Bank players in action at the Lal Bahadur Shastri hockey tournament on Monday.

The Namdharis too went for broke and their efforts from both flanks resulted in several penalty corners, but PNB goalkeeper Jasbir Singh foiled every attempt.

PNB had several other chances, repeatedly penetrating the Namdhari defence and catching them off guard, but they failed to increase the lead.

Those missed chances came back to haunt them as Namdhari' Bachitar Singh levelled scores in the final minutes of the game. However, it looked like PNB were denied an advantage when captain Bikash Toppo, having entered the striking circle with a superb solo effort past a couple of Namdhari defenders, was tripped but there was no action taken.

With no extra-time played, the game went into a tiebreaker. Yudhvir and Jatinder Saroha scored for PNB whileAganpreet Singh, Bikash and Banmali hit straight to the goalkeeper.

For the Namdharis, Anmolak Singh, Sher Singh and Gurvinder Singh found the target while Gurcharan Singh and Harpal Singh failed.

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Namdhari XI regains trophy

Special Correspondent

NEW DELHI: Namdhari XI won the Lal Bahadur Shastri hockey tournament defeating Punjab National Bank 3-2 in the tie-breaker after a 1-1 stalemate in regulation time in the final at the Shivaji Stadium here on Monday. It was only the second time that the Namdharis were winning the trophy, having won it in 1992 and finishing runner-up in 1993.



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Though PNB looked sharper in the attacks almost throughout the match, its forwards could not finish the job and quite a few chances were frittered away, especially in the second half.

Namdhari XI, on the other hand, forced a series of penalty corners including seven in the first half, without being able to breach the rival defence. Though a few variations were tried by the Namdharis during the penalty corner sequences, PNB goalkeeper Jasbeer Singh managed to thwart most of the attempts.

Ten minutes from the end, after it had wasted its ninth and last penalty corner, Namdhari XI equalised, with Karamjit Singh finding Bachitar Singh with a short pass inside the circle and the latter driving home to the delight of his team-mates.

Fading light ruled out extra time and the tie-breaker marked a series of misses on either side before Gurvinder Singh clinched it for Namdhari XI by converting his side's last 'stroke. Amolak Singh and Sher Singh were the other scorers for the winner.

Gurcharan Singh and Harpal Singh missed.

For PNB, only Yudhveer and Jatinder Saroha succeeded, with the first and last 'strokes. In between, poor attempts by Gagan Preet Singh, Bikas Topo and Banmali were blocked by goalkeeper Harjinder Singh.



नामधारी और इंडियन एयरलाइंस के मध्य खेले गए मैच के दौरान इंडियन एयरलाइंस का गोलकीपर नामधारी के हमले को नाकाम करने की कोशिश करते हुए। जागरण

नामधारी एकादश राष्ट्रीय हाकी के अंतिम चार में

- इंडियन एयरलाइंस को 1-0 से हराया
- दिल्ली व चंडीगढ़ भी जीते

जालंधर, खेल संवाददाता : नामधारी एकादश ने पूल ए के अपने सुपर लीग मुकाबले में सोमवार को दूसरे हाफ के एकमात्र गोल से स्टार खिलाड़ियों से भरी इंडियन एयरलाइंस को 1-0 से शिकस्त देकर 22वीं राष्ट्रीय हाकी प्रतियोगिता में उसके समीकरण बिगाड़ते हुए सेमीफाइनल में प्रवेश कर लिया। उधर अन्य मैचों में दिल्ली और चंडीगढ़ ने भी विजय दर्ज की।

नामधारी एकादश व इंडियर एयरलाइंस के बीच हुए मैच का एकमात्र गोल शेर सिंह ने 39 वें मिनट में किया। नामधारी ने अपने पहले मैच में खिताब के प्रबल दावेदार पंजाब को पराजित किया था। इंडियन एयरलाइंस के खिलाफ मैच जीतने के साथ वह सुपर लीग में अपने सभी मैच जीतकर सेमीफाइनल में पहुंच गई। मैच के दौरान इंडियन एयरलाइंस को 15वें, 18वें, 33वें, 48वें और 66 वें मिनट में पांच पेनाल्टी कार्नर मिले, लेकिन वह इनमें से किसी का भी लाभ उठाने में असफल रहा। नामधारी की मजबूत रक्षा पंक्ति के सामने धनराज पिल्लै, अर्जुन हलप्पा, विक्रम पिल्लै, संदीप माइकल और एल्ड्रिन डिसूजा जैसे बड़े खिलाड़ी भी गोल करने में नाकाम रहें।

आज हुए अन्य मैचों में दिल्ली ने मुंबई को 5-4 और चंडीगढ़ ने सर्विसेज को 2-0 से हराया। पूल डी से गत चैंपियन पंजाब एंड सिंध बैंक और इंडियन आयल कार्पोरेशन पहले ही सेमीफाइनल के लिए क्वालीफाई कर चुके हैं। मंगलवार को दिल्ली व एयर इंडिया के बीच होने वाले मैच की विजेता टीम ही सेमीफाइनल की चौथी टीम होगी। दोनों ही टीमें तीन-तीन अंक लेकर बराबरी पर चल रही हैं।

Chak De

Balish Ahuja



ON THE TOP: Players of Namdhari XI in a jubilant mood after winning the hockey championship in Chandigarh.P4

ਰੇਲ ਕੋਚ ਫੈਕਟਰੀ ਦੇ ਚੱਕੇ ਜਾਮ ਕਰ ਕੇ ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਆਇਲ ਸੈਮੀ ਫਾਈਨਲ 'ਚ

ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਕੇਂਦਰੀ ਰਿਜ਼ਰਵ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਬਲ ਨੂੰ ਬਲਹੀਣ ਕੀਤਾ

ਪੱਤਰ ਪ੍ਰੇਰਕ

ਜਲੰਧਰ ਛਾਉਣੀ, 10 ਨਵੰਬਰ

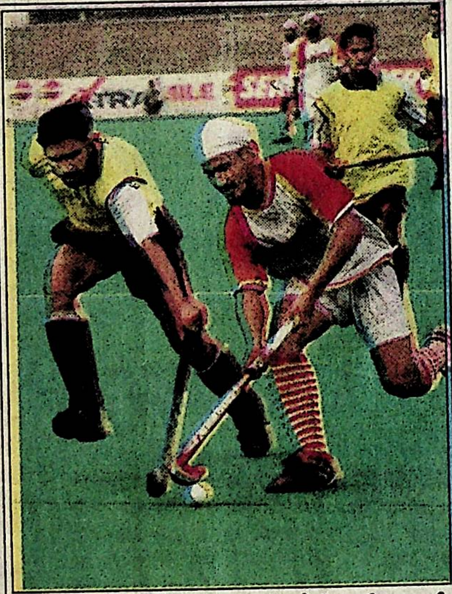
ਤਿੰਨ ਓਲੰਪੀਅਨਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਜ ਕੌਮਾਂਤਰੀ ਖਿਡਾਰੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਸਜੀ ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਆਇਲ ਨੇ ਰੇਲ ਕੋਚ ਫੈਕਟਰੀ ਨੂੰ 4-1 ਦੇ ਫਰਕ ਨਾਲ ਹਰਾ ਕੇ 23ਵੇਂ ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਆਇਲ ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੂਰਨਾਮੈਂਟ ਦੇ ਸੈਮੀ ਫਾਈਨਲ ਵਿਚ ਦਾਖਲਾ ਪਾ ਲਿਆ ਹੈ। ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਨੇ ਕੇਂਦਰੀ ਰਿਜ਼ਰਵ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਬਲ ਨੂੰ 6-0 ਦੇ ਫਰਕ ਨਾਲ ਹਰਾ ਕੇ ਤਿੰਨ ਅੰਕ ਹਾਸਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਤੇ ਬਲ ਨੂੰ ਬਲਹੀਣ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਟੂਰਨਾਮੈਂਟ 'ਚੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਔਰਤਾਂ ਦੇ ਵਰਗ ਵਿਚ ਪੂਲ 'ਏ' ਵਿਚ ਹੋਏ ਸਖਤ ਮੁਕਾਬਲੇ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਰੇਲਵੇ ਨੇ ਪੈਪਸੂ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਨੂੰ 1-0 ਨਾਲ ਹਰਾਇਆ।

ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਹਾਕੀ

ਇਥੋਂ ਦੇ ਓਲੰਪੀਅਨ ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਹਾਕੀ ਸਟੇਡੀਅਮ ਵਿਖੇ ਜਾਰੀ 23ਵੇਂ ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਆਇਲ ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੂਰਨਾਮੈਂਟ ਦੇ ਪੂਲ 'ਏ' 'ਚ ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਆਇਲ ਨੇ ਰੇਲ ਕੋਚ ਫੈਕਟਰੀ ਉੱਪਰ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਤੋਂ ਹੀ ਦਬਾਅ ਬਣਾ ਲਿਆ। ਸੱਤਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਓਲੰਪੀਅਨ ਦੀਪਕ ਠਾਕੁਰ ਨੇ ਗੋਲ ਕਰਕੇ ਖਾਤਾ ਖੋਲ੍ਹਿਆ। ਦਸਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਇੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਚੱਢਾ ਨੇ ਪੈਨਲਟੀ ਕਾਰਨਰ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਗੋਲ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਕੋਰ 2-0 ਕੀਤਾ। ਖੇਡ ਦੇ 13ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਆਇਲ ਦੇ ਰੋਸ਼ਨ ਮਿੰਝ ਨੇ ਗੋਲ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਕੋਰ 3-0 ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਖੇਡ ਦੇ ਅੱਧੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੱਕ ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਆਇਲ 3-0 ਨਾਲ ਅੱਗੇ ਸੀ।

ਅੱਧੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਫੈਕਟਰੀ ਨੇ ਕੁਝ ਬਿਹਤਰ ਖੇਡ ਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਦਰਸ਼ਨ ਕੀਤਾ। ਸੱਠਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਰੇਲ ਕੋਚ ਫੈਕਟਰੀ ਦੇ ਸੈਂਟਰ ਫਾਰਵਰਡ ਰੂਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਆਇਲ ਦੇ ਗੋਲ ਕੀਪਰ ਬਲਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਝਕਾਨੀ ਦੇ ਕੇ ਸ਼ਾਨਦਾਰ ਮੈਦਾਨੀ ਗੋਲ ਕੀਤਾ। ਖੇਡ ਦੇ 62ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਆਇਲ ਦੇ ਦੀਦਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਮੈਦਾਨੀ ਗੋਲ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਕੋਰ 4-1 ਕਰਕੇ ਮੈਚ ਜਿੱਤ ਲਿਆ।

ਪੂਰੇ ਮੈਚ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਦੀਪਕ ਠਾਕੁਰ, ਪ੍ਰਭਜੋਤ ਤੇ ਇੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਚੱਢਾ ਦੀ ਤਿੱਕੜੀ ਅਤੇ ਮਿਡ ਫੀਲਡ 'ਚ ਸਰਦਾਰਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਗੇਂਦ



ਜਲੰਧਰ ਦੇ ਓਲੰਪੀਅਨ ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਹਾਕੀ ਸਟੇਡੀਅਮ ਵਿਚ ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੂਰਨਾਮੈਂਟ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਸੀ.ਆਰ.ਪੀ.ਐਫ. ਅਤੇ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਦਰਮਿਆਨ ਹੋਏ ਇਕ ਮੈਚ ਦਾ ਦ੍ਰਿਸ਼। (ਫੋਟੋ: ਪਵਨ ਸ਼ਰਮਾ)

ਉੱਪਰ ਕੰਟਰੋਲ ਬਣਾਈ ਰੱਖਿਆ। ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਆਇਲ ਨੇ ਦੋ ਮੈਚ ਜਿੱਤ ਕੇ ਛੇ ਅੰਕ ਹਾਸਲ ਕੀਤੇ।

ਪੂਲ 'ਬੀ' ਵਿਚ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਅਤੇ ਸੀ.ਆਰ.ਪੀ.ਐਫ. ਦੀਆਂ ਟੀਮਾਂ ਦਰਮਿਆਨ ਖੇਡਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਮੈਚ ਵੀ ਇਕਪਾਸੜ ਰਿਹਾ। ਤੀਜੇ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਨੂੰ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਪੈਨਲਟੀ ਕਾਰਨਰ ਮਿਲਿਆ। ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਗੁਰਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਗੋਲ ਵਿਚ ਬਦਲ ਕੇ ਸਕੋਰ 1-0 ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ 5ਵੇਂ ਅਤੇ 6ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਦੋ ਪੈਨਲਟੀ ਕਾਰਨਰ ਗੁਆਏ।

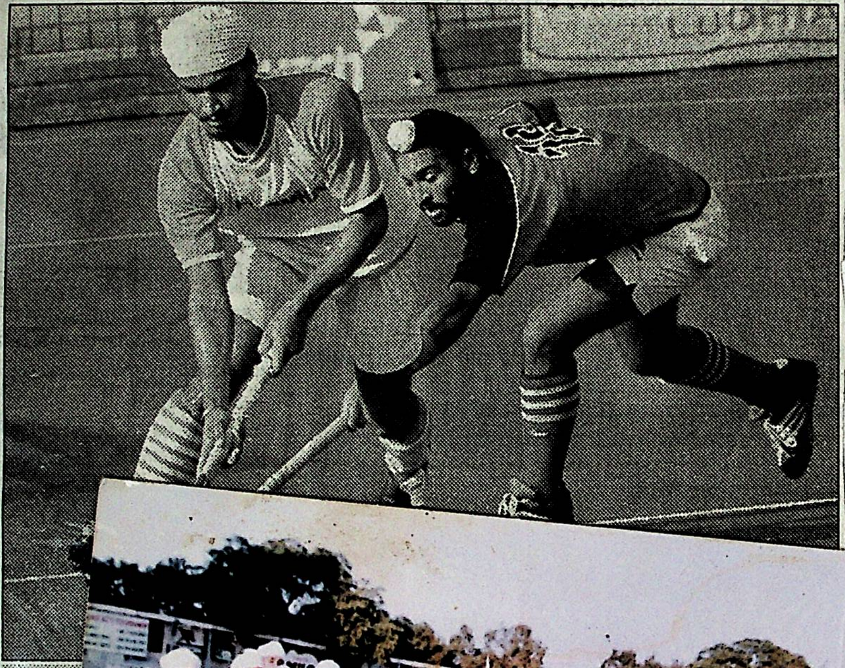
ਦਸਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਸੀ. ਆਰ. ਪੀ. ਐਫ. ਨੇ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਪੈਨਲਟੀ ਕਾਰਨਰ ਗੁਆਇਆ। ਖੇਡ ਦੇ 15ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਗੁਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਗੋਲ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਕੋਰ 2-0 ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ।

ਦੂਜੇ ਅੱਧ ਦੇ 52ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਦੇ ਗੁਰਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਗੋਲ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਕੋਰ 3-0 ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ। 60ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਗੁਰਚਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਪੈਨਲਟੀ ਕਾਰਨਰ ਰਾਹੀਂ, 64ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਜਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਗੋਲ ਅਤੇ 68ਵੇਂਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਜਤਿੰਦਰਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਪੈਨਲਟੀ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਗੋਲ ਕਰਕੇ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਹੱਕ ਵਿਚ ਸਕੋਰ 6-0 ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜੋ ਆਖ਼ਰੀ ਸਕੋਰ ਰਿਹਾ।

ਔਰਤਾਂ ਦੇ ਵਰਗ ਵਿਚ ਪੂਲ 'ਏ' ਵਿਚ ਕੇਂਦਰੀ ਰੇਲਵੇ ਮੁੰਬਈ ਨੇ ਪੈਪਸੂ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਨੂੰ 1-0 ਨਾਲ ਹਰਾ ਕੇ ਤਿੰਨ ਅੰਕ ਹਾਸਲ ਕੀਤੇ। ਮੈਚ ਬਹੁਤ ਤੇਜ਼ ਰਫ਼ਤਾਰ ਨਾਲ ਖੇਡਿਆ ਗਿਆ। ਪੈਪਸੂ ਨੇ ਮਿਲੇ ਮੌਕਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਲਾਭ ਨਾ ਉਠਾਉਣ ਕਰਕੇ ਮੈਚ ਆਪਣੇ ਹੱਥੋਂ ਗੁਆਇਆ। ਖੇਡ ਦੇ 15ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਕੇਂਦਰੀ ਰੇਲਵੇ ਨੇ ਇਕ ਪੈਨਲਟੀ ਕਾਰਨਰ ਗੁਆਇਆ ਤੇ 20ਵੇਂ ਅਤੇ 35ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਪੈਪਸੂ ਨੇ ਦੋ ਪੈਨਲਟੀ ਕਾਰਨਰ ਗੁਆਏ। ਅੱਧੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੱਕ ਦੋਵੇਂ ਟੀਮਾਂ ਗੋਲ ਰਹਿਤ ਬਰਾਬਰੀ 'ਤੇ ਸਨ।

ਦੂਜੇ ਅੱਧ ਵਿਚ ਪੈਪਸੂ ਨੇ 44ਵੇਂ ਅਤੇ 45ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਦੋ ਪੈਨਲਟੀ ਕਾਰਨਰ ਗੁਆਇਆ। 49ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਕੇਂਦਰੀ ਰੇਲਵੇ ਨੂੰ ਪੈਨਲਟੀ ਕਾਰਨਰ ਮਿਲਿਆ ਜਿਸ ਨੂੰ ਰੀਨਾ ਕਾਂਤੀ ਨੇ ਗੋਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਬਲਦ ਕੇ ਸਕੋਰ 1-0 ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜੋ ਫੈਸਲਾਕੁਨ ਹੋ ਨਿਬੜਿਆ। ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪੈਪਸੂ ਨੇ 58ਵੇਂ, 59ਵੇਂ, 60ਵੇਂ ਅਤੇ 61ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਲਗਾਤਾਰ ਚਾਰ ਪੈਨਲਟੀ ਕਾਰਨਰ ਗੁਆਏ। ਕੇਂਦਰੀ ਰੇਲਵੇ ਨੇ ਇਹ ਮੈਚ ਜਿੱਤ ਕੇ ਤਿੰਨ ਅੰਕ ਹਾਸਲ ਕੀਤੇ। ਪੂਰੇ ਮੈਚ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਹਾਵੀ ਰਹਿਣ ਦੇ ਬਾਵਜੂਦ ਪੈਪਸੂ ਟੀਮ ਨੂੰ ਹਾਰ ਦਾ ਮੂੰਹ ਦੇਖਣਾ ਪਿਆ। ਅੱਜ ਦੇ ਮੈਚਾਂ ਦੇ ਮੁੱਖ ਮਹਿਮਾਨ ਕਾਂਗਰਸ ਖੇਡ ਸੈੱਲ ਦੇ ਸੂਬਾ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਫਤਹਿ ਜੰਗ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਾਜਵਾ ਨੇ ਟੀਮਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਮੁਲਾਕਾਤ ਕੀਤੀ।

ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਸੈਮੀ ਫਾਈਨਲ ਵਿਚ ਪੁੱਜੀ







परिणाम एक नजर में

- नामधारी एकादश लुधियाना विरुद्ध ईएमई जालंधर 5-1
- वेस्टर्न रेलवे मुंबई विरुद्ध सीआईएसएफ चंडीगढ़ 3-2

ग्वालियर। सिंधिया गोल्ड कप के फाइनल मैच में पहुंची नामधारी एकादश के खिलाड़ी एक्सरसाइज करते हुए।

Namdharis shock Punjab

PSB-Chandigarh marred by fighting

SANJEEV SINGH BARIANA
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JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 29
Tempers flared and players exchanged blows with hockey sticks during the match between Punjab and Sind Bank and Chandigarh in the super league of the 62nd Hockey Championship at the Olympian Surjit Hockey Stadium here today. PSB won 2-0 to qualify for the semifinals.

Sharanjit Singh (PSB) and Ravi Pal (Chandigarh) were shown red cards. Baljit Saini (PSB) was shown the yellow card which kept him off the ground for five minutes. Play was stopped for at least seven minutes.

Sharanjit scored the first goal through a penalty corner in the 14th minute. Rajwinder Singh scored a brilliant field goal with a flick in the 40th minute to make it 2-0.

Things turned unruly in the 27th minute when a Chandigarh player was fouled against by a PSB player in the striking area. Ravi Pal tried to intervene but Sharanjit hit him with a hockey stick. Ravi hit back in the same way. While the heated exchange was going on, Baljit Saini, also from PSB, hit Ravi. Interestingly, Ravi has played for PSB team till last year.

The proceedings got out of control and the organisers, including H.S. Dhillon, secretary of the Punjab Hockey Association, accompanied by several officials, rushed to the playing area to mediate. Play was held up for at least seven minutes before the proceedings recommenced and another PSB player was shown the yellow card in the second half.



Sher Singh of the Namdhari team celebrates after converting a penalty corner during the super league match against Punjab in the 62nd National Hockey Championship at the Olympian Surjit Hockey Stadium in Jalandhar on Sunday. — Tribune photo: Pawan Sharma

NATIONAL HOCKEY '06

This was PSB's second win in the super league as they had defeated Services 3-1 yesterday.

The Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) made it to the semifinals earlier today when they defeated the Railways 1-0. They had earlier defeated Tamil Nadu yesterday. IOC face PSB in the semifinals.

The fancied Punjab team went down 0-1 to a better-organised Namdhari side in the first match of the day. The loss has dwindled Punjab's chances of qualifying for the semifinals. They have to beat Indian Airlines in their next match. At the same time, they want the Indian Airlines to defeat Namdharis so that all teams in the group are tied with same number of points and the semifinalist will be decided on the basis of goal average.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Jalandhar
Delhi vs Mumbai 11 a.m.
Services vs Chandigarh 1 p.m.
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The match-winning goal for the Namdharis came through a penalty-corner conversion by Sher Singh in the 62nd minute. Namdharis gave an exceptional display of controlled stick work. Their defence was also exemplary. Key Punjab striker Jarnail Singh made repeated attacks, but he failed to find any team-mate in the striking area.

Namdhari forwards gave a number of anxious moments to the Punjab defence. In fact, Punjab changed their left-out twice during the match, particularly because Sukhjinder Singh, a Namdhari player, commanded the enemy territory. Sher Singh and Gurvinder Singh of the winning team also gave a good performance.

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Sports

Chandigarh to host PHL from Dec 20

Seven-team event to have shortened format

M.S. Unnikrishnan

New Delhi, November 16

A shortened, compact fourth edition of the Premier Hockey League (PHL) will be held at the floodlit Sector 42 Hockey Stadium in Chandigarh from December 20.

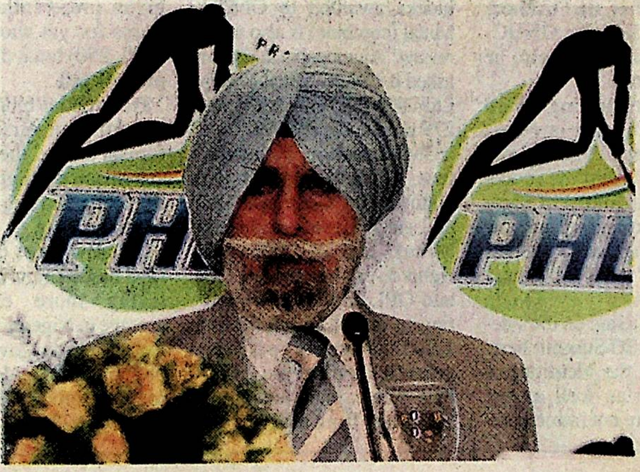
Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) president KPS Gill said here today that seven teams would play in a league-cum-knockout format.

He said the seven teams, who were in the fray last year too, will first play in a round-robin league to decide the semifinalists.

The semifinals will be a knockout affair followed by a best-of-three finals. In all, the PHL will feature 26 matches this time.

Gill said the format had been shortened as the foreign players would be available only in December due to their preoccupation with the European Championship and the European League.

India and some other teams will also be busy with the Olympic qualifying tournaments in early 2008. India will play their Olympic qualifiers in Chile.



IHF president KPS Gill addresses a press conference in New Delhi on Friday. — Tribune photo: Manas Ranjan Bhui

The seven PHL teams are Orissa Steelers, Sher-e-Jalandhar, Chandigarh Dynamos, Chennai Veerans, Maratha Warriors, Bangalore Hi-Fliers and Hyderabad Sultans. Gill said the team captains and the players were finalised by the respective state hockey associations in consultation with the IHF.

He said for the first time, 21 talented players from India's under-19 and under-21 teams had been distributed among the teams. Gill said there would also be 21 foreigners, but they would be named in December.

He said the Chandigarh stadium was chosen "as it is a fantastic venue and the crowd response was excellent". He stated that other venues were also considered, but since the matches would be telecast live by ESPN-Star Sports, one of the stake holders, the PHL could be held only at a stadium with floodlights and Astro-turf.

He said from next year, the IHF would have the option of rotating the PHL as hockey stadiums were being floodlit at Jalandhar, Rourkela and Guhawati.

When asked whether Rick Charlesworth would have any role to play in the PHL, since the former Australian Olympian will be engaged with the Indian team for their Olympic qualification process, Gill said, "We are in the process of making Chandigarh as the headquarters of Charlesworth's operations."

Gill said after feedback from technical consultant Maurits Hendriks, "we have decided to carry on with the shootout, instead of the penalty strokes, during the tie-breaker. All other rules remain the same."

ESPN chief operating officer Vijay Rajput said the total prize money will remain the same as last year - Rs 75 lakh - with the winners pocketing Rs 40 lakh and the runners-up Rs 20 lakh. The losing semifinalists will earn Rs 5 lakh each.

Orissa Steelers: Dilip Tirkey (capt), William Xalxo, Jitendra Saroha, Prabodh Tirkey, Roshan Minz, Bruno Hadrian Lugun, Sunil Yadav, Damandeep Singh, Sunil Ekka, Birendra Lakra, Gurupreet Singh, Ignace Tirkey, Amardeep Ekka, Eliazar Lakra and Ajitesh Rai. Officials: Ramesh Pathania (chief coach), Pranab Kishore Pattnaik (asst coach), Sailendra Prasad Berma (physical trainer) and Pratap Satpathy (manager).

Sher-e-Jalandhar: Kanwalpreet Singh (capt), Gurvinder Singh Chandi, Kulwinder Singh, Jarnail Singh, Davinder Singh Bath, Harpal Singh, Prabhdeep Singh, Mandeep Singh, Yudhvir Singh, Rupinder Pal Singh, Pradeep Kumar, Ranjodh Singh, Gagan Ajit Singh, Gurwinder Singh, Jugraj Singh and Sarvanjit Singh. Officials: Balwinder Singh, Sanjiv Kumar, Mohan Singh and SS Sodhi.

Chandigarh Dynamos: Rajpal Singh (capt), Baljit Singh, Surinder Singh, Sandeep Singh, S.S.Gill, Gaurav Tokhi, Jaswinder Singh, Sanjeev Kumar, Irshaad Ali, Deepak Thakur, Inderjit Chadha, Prabhjot Singh, Ravi Pal, Sher Singh and Dharamveer Singh. Officials: N.S. Sodhi, Devinder Kumar, Mohan Singh and Amarjit Singh.

Chennai Veerans: Adam Sinclair (capt), Sanawar Ali, Sreejesh P.R., Isaac, Muthuselvan, Sivabalan, Kumar, Senthil Kumar, Innocent Kullu, Mahendra Singh, Raja V, Ashwin, Raghunath, Sommanna, Danish Mujtaba and Vikramjit Singh. Officials: C.R. Kumar, Ramaswamy, Srikanth and Sampath.

Maratha Warriors: Viren Rasquinha (capt), Adrian D'Souza, Suraj Kanta, Kuldeep Singh, Gurbaj Singh, Vikram Pillay, Amjer Singh, Girish Pimple, Tyrone Pereira, Dhananjay Mahadik, Bharat Kumar Chikara, Shivender Singh, Alden D'Souza, Hardeep Singh and Mirza. Officials: Clarence Lobo, P.L.Murugappan, H.S.Cheema and Mukul Pandey.

Bangalore Hi-Fliers: Tushar Khandekar (capt), Bharat Kumar Chhetri, Len Aiyappa, P.T. Rao, Ajay Kumar Saroha, V.S. Vinaya, Bimal Lakra, Arjun Halappa, Vikram Kanth, Cheeyanna, Hari Prasad, Sandeep Michael, S.V.Sunil, K.A.Nilesh and Kamarjit Singh. Officials: Ashish Ballal, A.E.Brient, C.S.Poonacha and Kannan Krishnamurthy.

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Names of foreign players will be added later

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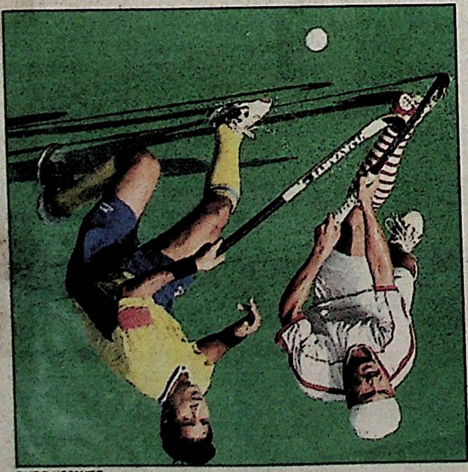
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GOAL BOUND



SACHIN HARALKAR

Sher Singh of Namdhari XI (left) scores a goal in front of Indian Navy goalkeeper Kalu Ram during their BHA Super League match yesterday. Namdhari XI stayed unbeaten in the league with a 5-1 win



नैशनल हाकी

दैनिक भास्कर जालंधर, मंगलवार, 31 अक्तूबर 2006

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MUMBAI HOCKEY LEAGUE

HT Correspondent
Mumbai, August 23

FAVOURITES NAMDHARI XI cantered to a 4-0 victory against Sports Authority of India (SAI) in their opening Super Division League match of the Mumbai Hockey League on Thursday.

Newcomers Namdhari XI, who shifted to Mumbai from Bangalore this season, have included a number of young players in their ranks for the BHA league in order to test their match temperament at the start of the domestic season. However, despite the presence of rookies, they were expected to have it easy against the youngsters from SAI who had narrowly avoided the wooden spoon last year, and they did just that in their first match.

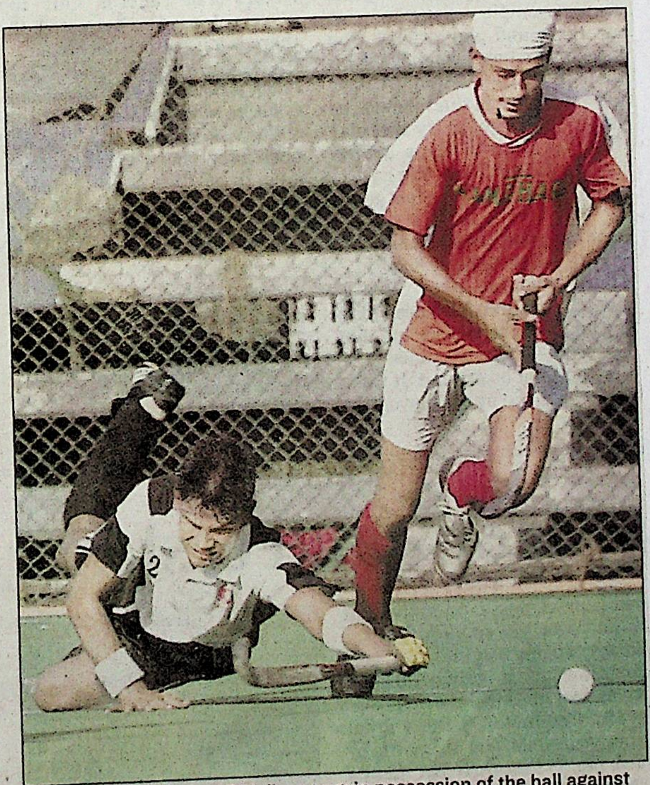
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The SAI boys did make some efforts and created some chances but failed to capitalise on them.

The Namdharis scored two more goals in the second session. Sher Singh made it 3-0 in the 62nd minute before Swinder Singh made it 4-0 off their fourth and final penalty corner earned five minutes before the final hooter.

SAI earned three short corners but failed to score.

RESULT: Namdhari XI 4 (Sher Singh 5th & 62nd min; Gurvinder Singh 25th min; Swinder Singh 65th min) bt Sports Authority of India 0.



Tajuddin Khan (left) of SAI dives to gain possession of the ball against Namdhari XI's Karamjit Singh during their Mumbai Hockey League match at the BHA Mahindra Stadium on Thursday.

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Namdharis ready for tough road ahead after their U-turn

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FOR the first time in the Mumbai hockey Super Division league Namdhari XI were down 0-2. But they turned the tide in the game against Central Railways. The eventual scoreline of 6-3 in Namdhari's favour proved to be good test for the team that faces tougher challenges ahead.


Gurvinder Singh


Sher Singh

Though the team has a clean slate with six victories to their name in the league, they are yet to face the top teams like the defending champions Air-India, ONGC and Western Railway.

Their two goal getters Gurpreet Singh leading with six goals and Sher Singh with five also look confident of a good finish. The 22-year-old Sher Singh says, "I have a good understanding with our captain Gurvinder Singh. Most of the time, I score from his pass. Since he was out because of a red card, we struggled initially." Sher Singh today switched from his scoring position upfront to playing the feeder from mid-field. And it was this spade work that played a big role in team's win over Central Railways.

About his team's fight-back Sher Singh says, "We never give up and are ready for a tough fight."

Though Gurpreet Singh thinks that beating Air-India in their last two meetings gives them an edge, coach Didar Singh wants to start afresh. They all rate Air-India the biggest threat to their title bid but Didar Singh sounding philosophical says, "We are here to play good hockey and boost the confidence of the young players who will be the back-bone of our team in the year's to come."

21ਵਾਂ ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਆਇਲ ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੂਰਨਾਮੈਂਟ

ਭਾਰਤ ਪੈਟਰੋਲੀਅਮ ਮੁੰਬਈ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੁਲਸ ਵਲੋਂ ਜਿੱਤ ਦਰਜ

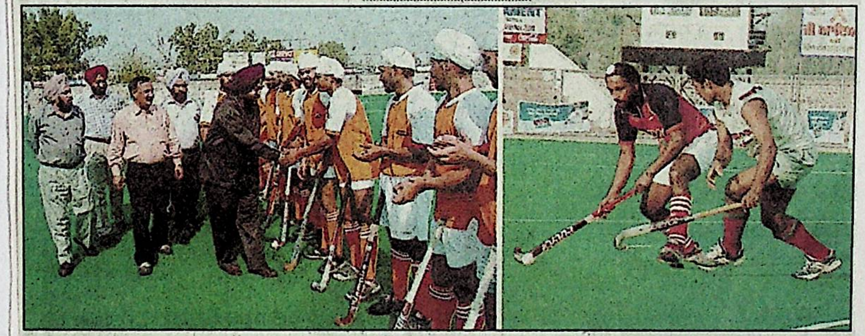
ਜਲੰਧਰ, 30 ਅਕਤੂਬਰ (ਕੁਲਬੀਰ)– ਪਿਛਲੇ ਵਰ੍ਹੇ ਦੀ ਜੇਤੂ ਭਾਰਤ ਪੈਟਰੋਲੀਅਮ ਮੁੰਬਈ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੁਲਸ ਜਲੰਧਰ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਮੈਚ ਜਿੱਤ ਕੇ ਤਿੰਨ-ਤਿੰਨ ਅੰਕ ਆਪਣੀ ਝੋਲੀ ਪਾਏ। ਪੰਜਾਬ ਐਂਡ ਸਿੰਧ ਬੈਂਕ ਅਤੇ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਦਰਮਿਆਨ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ਪੂਰਨ ਮੈਚ 3-3 ਦੀ ਬਰਾਬਰੀ 'ਤੇ ਰਿਹਾ।

ਸਥਾਨਕ ਓਲੰਪੀਅਨ ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਹਾਕੀ ਸਟੇਡੀਅਮ ਵਿਖੇ ਜਾਰੀ 21ਵੇਂ ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਆਇਲ ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੂਰਨਾਮੈਂਟ ਦੇ ਅੱਜ ਪ੍ਰੀਕਟਾਵਰ ਫਾਈਨਲ ਦੌਰ ਦੇ ਤਿੰਨ ਮੈਚ ਖੇਡੇ ਗਏ। ਅੱਜ ਦੇ ਮੈਚਾਂ ਦੇ ਮੁੱਖ ਮਹਿਮਾਨ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਐੱਸ. ਪੀ. ਐੱਸ. ਮੁਰਾੜ ਐੱਸ. ਡੀ. ਐੱਮ. ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ, ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਵਿਨੋਦ ਸਿਆਲ ਚੇਅਰਮੈਨ ਸਿਆਲ ਗਰੁੱਪ ਆਫ ਕੰਪਨੀਜ਼ ਨੇ ਟੀਮਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਜਾਣ-ਪਛਾਣ ਕੀਤੀ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਮੈਚਾਂ ਦੇ ਦੇਖਣ ਵਾਲਿਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਅੰਤਰਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਹਾਕੀ ਖਿਡਾਰੀ ਡਾ. ਗੁਰਚਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ, ਡਾ. ਸੰਜੀਵ ਸ਼ਰਮਾ, ਡਾ. ਐੱਸ. ਐੱਸ. ਗਿੱਲ, ਰਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਵਾਰਾ ਐੱਸ. ਆਰ. ਆਈ., ਐੱਚ. ਐੱਸ. ਸੋਢੀ, ਓਲੰਪੀਅਨ ਐੱਸ. ਐੱਸ. ਗਰੇਵਾਲ ਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਵੀਨ ਗੁਪਤਾ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਸਨ।

ਪਹਿਲੇ ਮੈਚ ਵਿਚ ਭਾਰਤ ਪੈਟਰੋਲੀਅਮ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਨੇ ਪੀ. ਏ. ਪੀ. ਜਲੰਧਰ ਨੂੰ 4-0 ਨਾਲ ਹਰਾ ਕੇ ਤਿੰਨ ਅੰਕ ਬਣਾਏ।

ਦੂਜਾ ਮੈਚ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਐਂਡ ਸਿੰਧ ਬੈਂਕ ਅਤੇ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਦੀਆਂ ਟੀਮਾਂ ਦਰਮਿਆਨ ਤੇਜ਼ ਗਤੀ ਨਾਲ ਖੇਡਿਆ ਗਿਆ। ਇਹ ਮੈਚ ਬਰਾਬਰ ਰਹਿਣ ਦੀ ਸੂਰਤ ਵਿਚ ਦੋਵੇਂ ਟੀਮਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਕ-ਇਕ ਅੰਕ ਹਾਸਲ ਹੋਇਆ।

ਤੀਸਰਾ ਮੈਚ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੁਲਸ ਜਲੰਧਰ ਅਤੇ ਪੀ. ਐੱਸ. ਬੀ. ਦਿੱਲੀ ਦਰਮਿਆਨ ਖੇਡਿਆ ਗਿਆ। ਪੁਲਸ ਵਲੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਗੋਲ ਖੇਡ ਦੇ 9ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਬਲਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਢਿੱਲੋਂ ਨੇ ਕੀਤਾ। 29ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਤੇਜਵੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਪੁਲਸ ਲਈ ਦੂਸਰਾ ਗੋਲ ਕੀਤਾ। 40ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਬਲਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਢਿੱਲੋਂ ਨੇ ਇਕ ਹੋਰ ਗੋਲ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਕੋਰ 3-0 ਕੀਤਾ। 44ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਪੀ. ਐੱਨ. ਬੀ. ਦੇ ਗਗਨਦੀਪ ਨੇ ਪੈਨਲਟੀ ਕਾਰਨਰ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਗੋਲ ਕੀਤਾ। 50ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿਚ ਬਲਜੀਤ ਢਿੱਲੋਂ ਨੇ ਇਕ ਹੋਰ ਗੋਲ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਕੋਰ 4-1 ਕੀਤਾ।


21ਵੇਂ ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਆਇਲ ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੂਰਨਾਮੈਂਟ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਮੁੱਖ ਮਹਿਮਾਨ ਐੱਸ. ਪੀ. ਐੱਸ. ਮੁਰਾੜ, ਐੱਸ. ਡੀ. ਐੱਸ. ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ ਟੀਮਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਜਾਣ-ਪਛਾਣ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਇਕਬਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੰਧੂ, ਜਦ ਕਿ (ਸੱਜੇ) ਖੇਡੇ ਗਏ ਮੈਚ ਦਾ ਦ੍ਰਿਸ਼। (ਫੋਟੋ : ਕੋਹਲੀ)

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Namdhari clinch Shastri hockey title

Surender Negi | TNN

New Delhi: Namdhari XI regained the Lal Bahadur Shastri hockey tournament title after a gap of 14 years after defeating first-timers PNB 4-3 in the tie-breaker in the final on Monday. The teams were locked 1-1 at the end of regulation time.

An ecstatic Namdhari coach S Didar Singh, who was a member of the winning squad in 1992, said, "We played great and didn't gave up even after conceding the lead early in the second half."

The first-half was goalless as both the teams missed scoring opportunities. Namdhari earned seven penalty corners but couldn't convert any. Namdhari goalkeeper Harjinder Singh was adjudged player of the tournament.

नामधारी एकादश पंद्रह साल बाद बना विजेता

सचिन शंकर

शास्त्री हॉकी के फाइनल में पीएनबी को टाईब्रेकर में हराया

नई दिल्ली। पेनल्टी कार्नर्स में भाग्य ने नामधारी एकादश का भले ही साथ नहीं दिया हो लेकिन टाईब्रेकर में गोलकीपर हरजिंदर सिंह के शानदार प्रदर्शन ने उसकी किस्मत बदल दी। नामधारी को पूरे मैच में नौ पेनल्टी कार्नर मिले लेकिन एक में भी सफलता नहीं मिली। टाईब्रेकर में दो-दो से बराबरी के बाद अंतिम स्ट्रोक नामधारी के गुरविंदर सिंह को लेना था। उनके सामने थे पंजाब नेशनल बैंक के गोलकीपर जसबीर सिंह। सबकी सांसें थमी हुई थीं। मैच किसी भी तरफ करवट ले सकता था। अंततः गुरविंदर सफल रहे और नामधारी ने 4-3 से लाल बहादुर शास्त्री हॉकी टूर्नामेंट का खिताब जीत लिया। नामधारी की टीम पंद्रह सालों के बाद यहां दूसरी बार खिताब जीतने में सफल रही।

दोनों टीमों के बीच रोमांचक मुकाबले की उम्मीद लेकर शिवाजी स्टेडियम पहुंचे दर्शकों को निराश होना पड़ा। फाइनल मुकाबला इस कदर फीका था कि टाईब्रेकर ही उसकी जान साबित हुआ। इसमें असली मुकाबला दोनों टीमों के गोलकीपरों के बीच था। टाईब्रेकर में शुरुआत बैंक के युद्धवीर सिंह और नामधारी के अनमोलक सिंह ने की जो गोल करने में सफल रहे। उसके बाद नामधारी के गुरचरन सिंह और हरपाल सिंह के शॉट जसबीर ने नाकाम कर दिए। पीएनबी के गगनप्रीत सिंह, .विकास टोपो और बनमाली नामधारी के हरजिंदर को छकाने में असफल रहे। नामधारी के शेर सिंह ने अपनी टीम को 2-1 से आगे कर दिया तो बैंक के जतिंदर सरोहा अपनी टीम को 2-2 से बराबरी पर ले आए। अब सारा दारोमदार गुरविंदर पर था जिन्हें अंतिम हिट लगानी थी। जसबीर सिंह गुरविंदर के शॉट की दिशा का अनुमान लगाने में गलती कर गए और नामधारी के समर्थक खुशी से उछल पड़े।

नामधारी के हरजिंदर मैच के नायक रहे। निर्धारित समय में दोनों टीमें एक-एक से बराबरी पर रही थीं। बेजान पहले हाफ के बाद दोनों गोल दूसरे हाफ में हुए। 37वें मिनट में पंजाब नेशनल बैंक ने खाता खोला। जितेंद्र सरोहा ने प्रमोद कुमार के पास पर बेहतरीन रिवर्स शॉट से गोलकर अपनी टीम को 1-0 से आगे कर दिया। 61 मिनट तक पिछड़े रहे नामधारी के हरविंदर सिंह ने करमजीत सिंह के पास पर गोल कर अपनी टीम को बराबरी दिलायी। यही दस मिनट ऐसे थे जब पीएनबी ने मैच पर अपनी पकड़ ढीली की थी। नामधारी के लिए पहला हाफ तो पेनल्टी कार्नर पाने और गंवाने की दास्तान रहा। उसने शुरुआती 22 मिनट में सात पेनल्टी कार्नर अर्जित किए लेकिन एक को भी वह गोल में तब्दील नहीं कर सका। चार पेनल्टी कार्नर तो उसे दो मिनट के अंतराल में मिले। दूसरे हाफ में भी नामधारी को दो पेनल्टी कार्नर मिले, लेकिन कहानी पहले हाफ से अलग नहीं रही। नामधारी एकादश ने 1992 में यहां खिताब जीता था जबकि 1993 में वह उपविजेता रही थी।

4 Dec

नामधारी इलेवन चैंपियन

मुख्य खेल संवाददाता ॥ नई दिल्ली

गोलरक्षक हरजिंदर सिंह की टाईब्रेकर में मुस्तैदी नामधारी इलेवन के काम आई। नामधारी इलेवन ने नवोदित खिलाड़ियों से सज्जित पंजाब नैशनल बैंक (पीएनबी) को 18वें लाल बहादुर शास्त्री हॉकी टूर्नामेंट के फाइनल में टाईब्रेकर के जरिए सोमवार को 4-3 से हरा कर खिताब जीत लिया। गोलरक्षक हरजिंदर टाईब्रेकर में तीन खूबसूरत बचाव कर नामधारी इलेवन की जीत के हीरो बन गए। मैच के आखिर मिनट में पंजाब नैशनल बैंक के कप्तान और आक्रामक सेंटर हाफ बिकास टोपो को 'डी' के भीतर नामधारी इलेवन के गुरचरण सिंह ने धक्का दिया और इस पर अंपायर नेगी को जहां गुरचरण को कार्ड दिखा कर दंडित करना चाहिए उन्होंने उलटे टोपो को ही पीला कार्ड दिखा कर मैदान से बाहर भेज दिया।

दूसरे हाफ के दूसरे मिनट में बाएं से प्रमोद कुमार के तेज क्रॉस पर 'डी' में युद्धवीर ने संभाला और तेज फ्लिक कर गेंद को गोल में डाल कर पंजाब नैशनल बैंक का खाता खोला।

मैच के 60 वें मिनट में दाएं से अकेले ही बछित्तर सिंह तेजी से गेंद

महानगर खेल

को लेकर निकले और 'डी' में पहुंच कर तेज शॉट जमा गोल कर नामधारी इलेवन को एक-एक गोल की बराबरी दिला दी। निर्धारित समय तक दोनों टीमों के एक-एक गोल से बराबर रहने के बाद फैसले के लिए टाईब्रेकर लागू किया गया। टाईब्रेकर में नामधारी इलेवन के अनमोलक सिंह, शेर सिंह और गुरविंदर सिंह ने पेनल्टी स्ट्रोक को गोल में बदला लेकिन गुरचरण सिंह और हरपाल सिंह के पुश को पंजाब नैशनल बैंक के गोलरक्षक असबीर सिंह ने मुस्तैदी दिखाते हुए रोक लिया। पंजाब नैशनल बैंक के लिए युद्धवीर सिंह और जतिंदर सरोहा ही पेनल्टी स्ट्रोक को गोल में बदल पाए जबकि गगनप्रीत सिंह, कप्तान बिकास टोपो और बनमाली द्वारा लिए पेनल्टी स्ट्रोकों को नामधारी इलेवन के गोलरक्षक हरजिंदर सिंह ने रोक लिया।

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This is to certify that the Surrey Field Hockey Club is organizing the Surrey Cup International Hockey Tournament on the 25-27th of July, 2008. The club is sponsoring Mr. Sher Singh s/o Karnail Singh, Punjab, to play for the Surrey Field Hockey Club team, during and after the tournament. The club has agreed to pay for the travel to and stay of Mr. Sher Singh in Canada. It may be noted that Mr. Sher Singh has been issued a valid Govt. of India passport # E2254890.
The Surrey Field Hockey Club also undertakes the responsibility of sending Mr. Sher Singh back to his native country at the expiration of his Visa to stay in Canada.

We urge the Canadian Embassy to kindly issue him a visa to visit Canada for the above requested period.

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SPORTS



Players of Namdhari XI, Bhaini Sahib, after winning the third All- India Jagtar Singh Memorial Hockey Tournament in Ludhiana on Friday. Photo: Inderjit Verma

Namdhari boys win hockey title

OUR SPORTS REPORTER

LUDHIANA, DECEMBER 3

Gurcharan Singh of Namdhari XI, Bhaini Sahib, scored four goals to enable his team to register a comfortable 4-0 win over Sukhchain Academy, Faridkot, in the final of the third Jagtar Singh Memorial Hockey Tournament at the Astro-turf of Punjab Agricultural University here today.

Faidkot boys dominated in the initial moments of the title clash and also forced three penalty corners but failed to capitalise on these chances. Namdhari players got their first penalty corner in the 27th minute and Gurcharan made no mistake. Two minutes later, he again found the target to enhance the lead.

In the second session, Namdhari boys got seven penalty corners and converted two through Gurcharan. Sukhchain Academy boys, too, got three penalty corners in the second half which went abegging.

In the match for the hardline cup, defending champions Surjit Academy, Jalandhar, lost to Prithipal Academy, Ludhiana 2-5. Jalandhar boys went into an early lead in the fifth minute through Bachhitar Singh. Balwant Singh of Ludhiana restored parity in the 12th minute and Rajinder made it 2-1 in favour of Ludhiana.

Balwant again struck in the second half to read it 3-1 and a few minutes later, Harsimran sounded the board to make it 4-1. Jalandhar's Deepak converted a penalty corner in the 50th minute to reduce the margin to 2-4. Rajinder of Ludhiana scored another goal in the 56th minute which sealed Jalandhar boys' fate 5-2.

Mr Amarjit Samra, Minister for Revenue and Rehabilitation, Punjab, gave away prizes to the winners. He announced a grant of Rs 50,000 for the Jagtar Memorial Hockey Society. Ms Gurkanwal Kaur, Minister for Women and Child Welfare Development, who was also present, announced a matching grant of Rs 50,000 for the organising committee.

Indian Express
18 August 2002 Sunday
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Namdhari XI stun State cops; Aeronautics pip Telephonemen

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Bangalore, Aug 17: Two red cards, one vociferously disputed reversal of a goal and the upset of a fancied team. Saturday's fare in the Deccan Herald-KSHA Super Division hockey league was surely varied, if not veritable, for the regulars to the KSHA Stadium.

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited began the day's proceedings pipping arch-rivals Indian Telephone Industries by a solitary second half goal in a match in which venomous tackles matched the vigorous attacks from either side. And debutants Namdhari XI completed the day outpacing, outplaying and finally outscoring strong contenders Karnataka State Police 2-0.

Namdhari's victory was no doubt, at long last, a performance matching the enormous potential of the young team, but the buzz in the air as the Sun descended on the KSHA Stadium was the incident filled first match of the day.

With ITI and HAL matching each other move for move, attack for attack and tackle for tackle a blank score-line at the interval was hardly surprising.

On resumption the evenness of the contest continued and five minutes into the session came the first incident.

ITI medio Dimple's free-hit caused a melee at the HAL goal-mouth and umpire Somanna awarded a goal although it seemed like no ITI player had got his stick to the ball inside the striking circle. All hell broke lose as the HAL line-up vociferously protested the goal. Somanna's colleague walked across the field and after a consultation, the former reversed his decision awarding a 16-yard hit to HAL. Now, it was the turn of ITI to protest. Officially too as they submitted a letter of protest to the Tournament Committee after the match.

FIRST RED CARDS

The intervention of the managers allowed the resumption of the game, but the tension in air was almost tangible. And in the heat of this moment, ITI's CK Charmana (who had earlier got a green card for a similar misconduct) and HAL's Pradeep got into an unnecessary, unwarranted and unsavoury altercation of sticks alternated with kicks prompting umpire Pawan to flash the red card, the first time any player's presence was rusticated for a match this season. Of course the one match automatic suspension follows.

Playing with ten men alone mattered little for HAL as they struck their match winner through CU Aiyappa who put finish touches to his namesake with 'PT' initials in the 57th minute. ITI did have their chances, but the absence of their lynchpin Charmana and the wasting of four penalty corners in as many minutes at the end of the game led to their downfall.

AS GOOD A CONTEST

The match that followed too matched the earlier one, but thankfully sans the eye-sore scenes.

KSP, playing without steady midfielder Oliver Rubdi (for accumulating three green cards in the earlier matches), did strive to make amends through Laxman Rao and Umesh Mutgar but with Namdhari doing almost nothing wrong it was the latter's day in the sun.

Namdhari went ahead in just the second minute through a Didar Singh (Jr) indirect penalty corner conversion of their first penalty corner and two minutes from close skipper Anmolak Singh completed the tally finding the mark off a penalty stroke. The stroke was awarded by HAL umpire Hardeep Singh, penalising KSP defender Darshan Kumar for a stick check on Didar Singh (Sr).

Pioneers let Namdharis off the hook; IOC win

VIJAY TIMES NEWS

IOC	bt	CoE	2-0
PCTC	drew	Namdhari XI	2-2

Bangalore: Having lost all their four previous outings, Pioneer Corps Training Centre played like men possessed in Wednesday's KSHA-Deccan Herald Super Division League hockey encounter against the fancied Namdhari XI. To their credit, the army outfit took an early lead and managed to ward off the threats to their citadel rather gallantly for most of the first session. And when Namdharis looked set to regain their wonted touch -- by scoring twice in succession -- Pioneers scripted an almost fairy-tale rally and threatened to cause what would have been the biggest upset of the league thus far. But unfortunately for PCTC, their forwards failed to rise to the occasion when push came to shove.

It was indeed a tale of missed chances for PCTC, not only in the dying moments. Moments after SP Kujur had sounded the boards off their first penalty corner (in just the seventh minute), S Mundu conjured up the longest solo run seen in the league so far. Dodging and dribbling past the entire rival defence, Mundu raised hopes of a goal, but scooped the ball over with Namdhari goalkeeper Swinder SIngh at his mercy. Compounding the PCTC misery was Anthony Hemrom's late dive to a stinging centre from Saran Lakra. The latter himself was guilty of sending the ball wide with only Swinder to beat towards the closing stages of the first half.

Riding on their rivals' faltering efforts, Namdhari chose to be guarded. Didar Singh's characteristic drag-flick off their first penalty corner brought equaliser for Namdharis in the 24th minute.

And three minutes into the second session, and when the PCTC defence was caught napping, Karamjit Singh gave finishing touches to a Didar-Sardar Singh combo down the middle. Namdharis, of course, had their 'easiest' chance to score in the 46th minute, when they were awarded a penalty stroke, for a stick check committed by PCTC defender Francis Baig. But with their goalkeeper F Kujur reacting nicely by diving to his right to stop Anmolak Singh's push, PCTC received a shot in the arm to their morale.

What followed was an entertaining period of positive hockey, with PCTC holding the edge in the exchanges. Unfortunately for them, they didn't succeed more than the occasion when Sairaj Singh deftly deflected Saran's free-hit from inside the 23m-line. And thus PCTC had to be satisfied with only a solitary point, when opportunity beckoned for them to cash in on full points.



PCTC defender Francis Baig (left) thwarts the progress of Namdhari forward Karamjit Singh in the KSHA Super Division in Bangalore on Wednesday. VT Photo

Percentage hockey

Earlier, debutants and strong contenders Indian Oil played percentage hockey, but struck when it mattered. Bikramjeet Singh converted a penalty stroke in the 26th minute. And with six minutes left, Inderjeet Chadha compensated for his numerous misses earlier by slotting home a Viren Rasquinha diagonal.

Starting Thursday, the third match of the day will be played under lights.

THURSDAY'S MATCHES

SAI v HAL	2.45 pm
BPCL v Central Excise	4.15 pm
Army XI v Canara Bank	5.45 pm

Vijay Times 23 June 2005 Thursday

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਤੇ ਸਿੰਧ ਬੈਂਕ ਦੀ ਖਿਤਾਬੀ ਟੱਕਰ ਅੱਜ

ਸੁਖਵੀਰ ਗਰੇਵਾਲ

ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ, 30 ਸਤੰਬਰ: ਪਿਛਲੇ ਸਾਲ ਦੀ ਜੇਤੂ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਐਂਡ ਸਿੰਧ ਬੈਂਕ ਦੀਆਂ ਟੀਮਾਂ 34ਵੇਂ ਕੁੱਲ ਹਿੰਦ ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਯਾਦਗਾਰੀ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੂਰਨਾਮੈਂਟ ਦੇ ਭਲਕੇ ਹੋਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਫਾਈਨਲ ਮੈਚ 'ਚ ਭਿੜਨਗੀਆਂ। ਇੱਥੋਂ ਦੇ ਹਾਕੀ ਸਟੇਡੀਅਮ (ਸੈਕਟਰ-42) 'ਚ ਅੱਜ ਖੇਡੇ ਗਏ ਪਹਿਲੇ ਸੈਮੀ- ਫਾਈਨਲ ਮੈਚ 'ਚ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਨੇ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਨੂੰ 2-1 ਦੇ ਫਰਕ ਨਾਲ ਅਤੇ ਦੂਜੇ ਸੈਮੀ-ਫਾਈਨਲ ਮੈਚ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਐਂਡ ਸਿੰਧ ਬੈਂਕ ਨੇ ਭਾਰਤ ਪੈਟਰੋਲੀਅਮ ਨੂੰ 5-2 ਦੇ ਫਰਕ ਨਾਲ ਹਰਾ ਕੇ ਫਾਈਨਲ 'ਚ ਦਾਖਲਾ ਪਾ ਲਿਆ।

ਅੱਜ ਦੇ ਪਹਿਲੇ ਸੈਮੀ-ਫਾਈਨਲ ਮੈਚ 'ਚ ਓਲੰਪੀਅਨਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਸ਼ਿੰਗਾਰੀ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਨੂੰ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਨੂੰ ਹਰਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਪੱਬਾਂ ਭਾਰ ਹੋਣਾ ਪਿਆ। ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਵਿੱਚ ਅੱਧੇ ਵੱਧ ਖਿਡਾਰੀ ਜੂਨੀਅਰ ਹੋਣ ਦੇ ਬਾਵਜੂਦ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਆਖਰੀ ਹੂਟਰ ਤੱਕ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਨੂੰ ਵਖਤ ਪਾਈ ਰੱਖਿਆ। ਸਟਾਰ ਖਿਡਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਬਹੁਤਾਤ ਹੋਣ ਕਰਕੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਨੇ ਤਾਲਮੇਲ ਦੀ ਬਜਾਏ ਨਿਜੀ ਖੇਡ ਨੂੰ ਤਰਜੀਹ ਦਿੱਤੀ। ਦੂਜੇ ਪਾਸੇ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ 70ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਗੋਲ ਖਾ ਕੇ ਮੈਚ ਜ਼ਰੂਰ ਹਾਰ ਗਈ ਪਰ ਟੀਮ ਦੇ ਜੁਝਾਰੂਪਣ ਨੇ ਸਟੇਡੀਅਮ ਵਿੱਚ ਬੈਠੇ ਦਰਸ਼ਕਾਂ ਦੇ ਦਿਲ ਜਿੱਤ ਲਏ। ਇਸ ਮੈਚ ਦੀ ਸ਼ੁਰੂਆਤ ਤੇਜ਼-ਤਰਾਰ ਖੇਡ ਨਾਲ ਹੋਈ। ਦੋਹਾਂ ਪਾਸਿਓਂ ਚੰਗੇ ਹਮਲਿਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ 26ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ 'ਚ ਇਕ ਵਿਵਾਦਮਈ ਗੋਲ ਨਾਲ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਨੇ ਲੀਡ ਹਾਸਲ ਕੀਤੀ। ਡੀ ਦੇ ਬਾਹਰੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਭਜੀਤ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਲਈ ਹਿੱਟ ਸਿੱਧੀ ਗੋਲਾਂ ਅੰਦਰ ਚਲੀ ਗਈ। ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਦੇ ਗੱਬਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੀ ਹਾਕੀ ਨੂੰ ਗੇਂਦ ਨੂੰ ਛੂਹਣ ਬਾਰੇ ਰੌਲਾ ਵੀ ਪਿਆ ਪਰ ਥੋੜ੍ਹੇ ਜਿਹੇ ਰੋਸ ਮਗਰੋਂ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਦੇ ਖਿਡਾਰੀ ਫਿਰ ਸ਼ਾਂਤ ਹੋ ਗਏ। 34ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ 'ਚ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਨੂੰ ਬਰਾਬਰੀ ਦਾ ਮੌਕਾ ਮਿਲਿਆ ਜਦੋਂ ਪੈਨਲਟੀ ਕਾਰਨਰ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਹਰਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੀ ਡਰੈਗ ਫਲਿਕ ਗੋਲਕੀਪਰ ਨੂੰ ਮਾਤ ਦਿੰਦੀ ਗੋਲਾਂ ਵੱਲ ਵਧੀ। ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਦੇ ਜਸਕਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਿਲਕੁਲ ਗੋਲ ਲਾਈਨ ਖਤਰਾ ਟਾਲਿਆ।

ਦੂਜੇ ਅੱਧ ਦੇ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੁੰਦਿਆਂ ਹੀ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਦੀ ਫਾਰਵਰਡ ਲਾਈਨ ਬਲਜੀਤ ਢਿੱਲੋਂ, ਦਲਜੀਤ ਢਿੱਲੋਂ, ਗਗਨਅਜੀਤ ਅਤੇ ਗੱਬਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਚੰਗੇ ਮੂਵ ਬਣਾਏ। ਗੱਬਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਤਿੰਨ ਵਾਰੀ ਖੁੰਝ ਜਾਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਇਹ ਹਮਲੇ ਅਜਾਈਂ ਗਏ। ਦੂਜੇ ਪਾਸੇ ਮੌਕੇ ਦੀ ਤਾਕ ਵਿੱਚ ਬੈਠੀ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਨੂੰ 44ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ 'ਚ ਪੈਨਲਟੀ ਕਾਰਨਰ ਮਿਲਿਆ। ਕੌਮਾਂਤਰੀ ਖਿਡਾਰੀ ਦੀਦਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਸੂਝ ਭਰੀ ਹਿੱਟ ਮਾਰ ਕੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਦੀ ਰੱਖਿਅਕ ਪੰਕਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਹੈਰਾਨ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ। 51ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਦੇ ਬਲਜੀਤ ਢਿੱਲੋਂ ਦੇ ਪਾਸ 'ਤੇ ਤੇਜਬੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਵਧੀਆ ਟਰਾਈ ਲਈ ਪਰ ਗੋਲਕੀਪਰ ਸਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਚੰਗਾ ਬਚਾਅ ਕੀਤਾ। 70ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਨੂੰ ਪੈਨਲਟੀ ਕਾਰਨਰ ਮਿਲਿਆ। ਸਾਰੇ ਮੈਚ 'ਚ ਬੇਹੱਦ ਮਾੜਾ ਖੇਡਿਆ ਗਗਨਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਗੋਲ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਾਰੇ ਧੋਣੇ ਧੋ ਗਿਆ। ਦੂਜੇ ਸੈਮੀ-ਫਾਈਨਲ ਮੈਚ ਦੇ ਸ਼ੁਰੂਆਤੀ ਮਿੰਟ ਤੋਂ ਲਗਦਾ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਇਹ ਵੀ ਪਹਿਲੇ ਸੈਮੀ-ਫਾਈਨਲ ਵਾਂਗ ਫਸਵਾਂ ਹੀ ਰਹੇਗਾ। ਪਹਿਲੇ ਅੱਧ ਦੌਰਾਨ 1-1 ਦੀ ਬਰਾਬਰੀ ਖੇਡਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਭਾਰਤ ਪੈਟਰੋਲੀਅਮ ਨੇ ਦੂਜੇ ਅੱਧ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਗੋਡੇ ਹੀ ਟੇਕ ਦਿੱਤੇ। ਭਾਰਤ ਪੈਟਰੋਲੀਅਮ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ 15ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ 'ਚ ਲੀਡ ਲੈਣ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਾਮਯਾਬ ਰਹੀ ਜਦ ਪੈਨਲਟੀ ਕਾਰਨਰ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਅਜੇ ਸਰੋਆ ਦੀ ਸਿੱਧੀ ਹਿੱਟ ਗੋਲ ਫੱਟੇ ਨਾਲ ਜਾ ਟਕਰਾਈ। 26ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਭਾਰਤ ਪੈਟਰੋਲੀਅਮ ਦੇ ਅਮਰ ਆਇਆ ਨੇ ਇਕ ਆਸਾਨ ਮੌਕਾ ਖੁੰਝਾਇਆ। 32ਵੇਂ ਮਿੰਟ 'ਚ ਬੈਂਕ ਦਾ ਕੁਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਾਲ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਇਕੱਲਾ ਹੀ ਡੀ ਅੰਦਰ ਜਾ ਵੜਿਆ। ਕੁਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਦੀ ਕੋਸ਼ਿਸ਼ ਬੇਅਰਥ ਜਾਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪਰਮਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਰੀਬਾਊਂਡ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਗੋਲ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ।



ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਦੇ ਸੈਕਟਰ-42 ਦੇ ਹਾਕੀ ਸਟੇਡੀਅਮ ਵਿੱਚ ਖੇਡੇ ਜਾ ਰਹੇ 34ਵੇਂ ਕੁੱਲ ਹਿੰਦ ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਯਾਦਗਾਰੀ ਹਾਕੀ ਟੂਰਨਾਮੈਂਟ 'ਚ ਨਾਮਧਾਰੀ ਇਲੈਵਨ ਦੇ ਖਿਡਾਰੀ ਸੈਮੀਫਾਈਨਲ 'ਚ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਦੇ ਖਿਡਾਰੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਲ ਖੋਹਣ ਦਾ ਯਤਨ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ। (ਫੋਟੋ: ਪ੍ਰਦੀਪ ਤਿਵਾੜੀ)

ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਟ੍ਰਿਬਿਊਨ । ਅਕਤੂਬਰ 04 ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰਵਾਰ

The Namdhari Hockey team is a well-known name in Indian Hockey circles. Due to the achievements made by the famous first team from 1980 to 2000, the name of the Namdhari



Namdhari Eleven in tough fight against Holland team.

Hockey team became synonymous with good hockey playing teams. Due to the continued training and talent-search, members from the Namdhari squad have been sought after at the National level since 2002. The present Namdhari Hockey team members have been following the footsteps of their seniors by playing a good game and entertaining the crowds in different parts of the country.

Looking at their performance, *His Holiness Sri Satguru Jagjit Singh Ji, the Supreme Spiritual Head of Namdhari Sikhs, instructed that the team should* be encouraged, exposed and given experience by sending them abroad to play in international tournaments. The team management was approached by the organisers of Cal Cup in which Mr. Harbhajan Singh Gill took initiative to invite the team. Along with the organisers, the Namdhari Sangat members Amritpal Singh Kalla and Narinder Singh Salh took special initiative to ensure the participation of Namdhari Hockey team in this tournament

The team arrived in Los Angeles on 22nd May and was received by prominent members of the California Namdhari Sangat as well as members

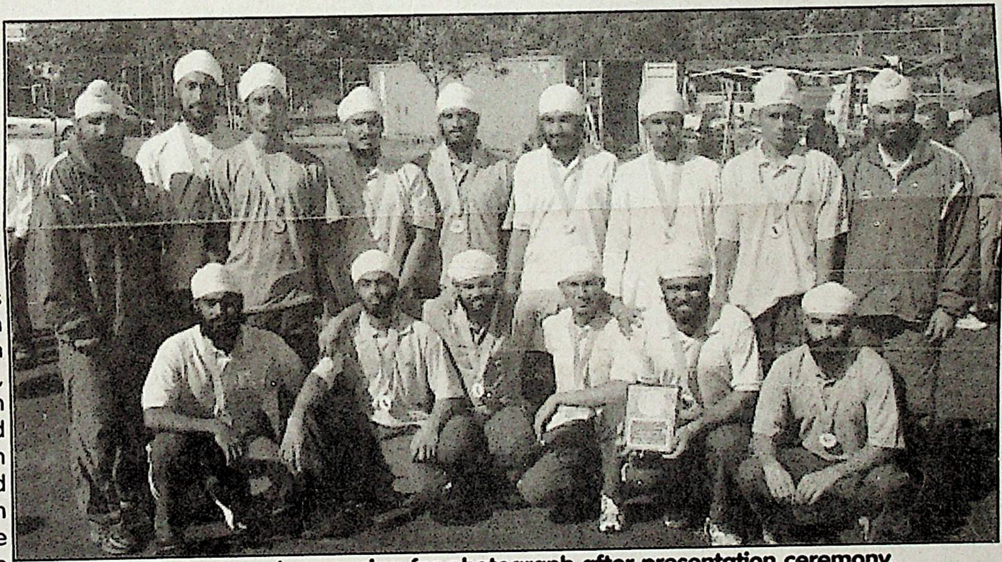
County Surfers Hockey Club. The four started with a 7-1 victory in favour of the Namdhari team.

The Cal Cup is a well organised affair, having various categories of participants ranging in age groups from 6 to 60 years old. This was organised at the Moorpark College grounds, where all the teams, with the exception of the super league, played on grass and poly-turf fields. The super league in which Namdhari team participated was played on astro-turf. It was heartening to see the popularity of hockey in this part of United States. More than 150 teams participated in this tournament creating a festival-like atmosphere.

In the super league, the Namdhari Team was placed in pool A along with Mystery, Unknown Heroes, Commonwealth, and Boekaniers from Holland. Pool B consisted of Mexico, Argentina, San Jose Khalsa, LA Tigers, and Taipei. The Namdhari team started its opening game against Mystery. This team consisted mostly of players from the United States under-21 squad. Although the score at halftime was one all, the Namdhari team won this match

the result was 8-1 in favour of the Namdhari team. Spectators were thrilled to see the classical Indian style of hockey played by this young talented team. The number of spectators was amazing. Most Indian tournaments do not attract such large crowds. The third match was played against Boekaniers of Holland, which had a number of Olympians from the famous Dutch National team. Although the Namdhari team dominated the match, they lost the match by 2 goals to 3. The Namdhari team missed many opportunities to score and the Dutch team prevailed in the end. The last match of the league phase was against Commonwealth, which the Namdhari team won with ease.

Due to one loss in their pool, Namdhari's finished second. In the semi-final game, the Namdhari team had to play against a top club from Argentina, which had in its ranks many



Team members posing for photograph after presentation ceremony.

Olympians including the lethal Argentinean forward, Jorge Lombi. This fast-paced game showed the attacking

the team won the hearts of spectators as well as their opponents by playing a clean attacking form of hockey. One prominent member of the Boekaniers Hockey Club, two-time Olympian, Oene Van Bruschettes made very positive comments about Namdhari Hockey team: "I am amazed to see such a youthful side play such mature hockey." The organisers and spectators pointed out that it is after a long time that the best of Indian hockey was at display. The players were also praised for their excellent behaviour and discipline both on and off the field. Didar Singh was adjudged the top goal scorer of the tournament.

The Namdhari Sangat of Los Angeles left no stone unturned in making the team's stay comfortable. Narinder Singh Salh along with Tarlochan Singh Virdee and their families and friends were instrumental in organising lunch and dinner for the team. Members of the Namdhari Sangat from Northern California arranged for the transportation, accomodation, general arrangements including site seeing. Prominent members of the Namdhari Sangat including Pritam Singh Matharu and Gurdev Singh supported and encouraged the team in every way.

Apart from the Namdhari Sangat, the Indian community and the hockey-loving fans of California also attended

Prize money up for new-look PHL

M.S. UNNIKRISHNAN

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10
The third edition of the Premier Hockey League (PHL), to be held in Chennai and Chandigarh from January 2, will be given an exciting package to make it more attractive for spectators, players as well as the hosts. A substantial hike in the prize money, more number of foreign players and innovations at many levels are expected to add sheen to the PHL, which has already carved a niche for itself on the national hockey calendar.

PHL III will witness 45 matches, including a best-of-three finals. The league moves into a single-tier format with the top seven teams of last year to fight for the title in a two-month-long tournament, unlike the past two years where the league had two tiers with five teams each.

Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) President KPS Gill and ESPN managing director R.C. Venkateish said at a media briefing here today that the winners of PHL III would be richer by Rs 40 lakh while the runners-up would pocket Rs 15 lakh - an hike of Rs 10 lakh and Rs 5 lakh, respectively.

Gill said Sher-e-Jalandhar would be led by Kanwalpreet Singh, Hyderabad Blues by Devesh Chauhan, Chandigarh Dynamos by Rajpal Singh and Orissa Steelers by former Indian captain Dilip Tirkey. Other teams will be led by Viren Rasquinha (Maratha Warriors), Arjun Halappa (Bangalore Lions) and Adam Sinclair (Chennai Veerans). He said three more Indian players would be selected after the conclusion of the ongoing Nehru hockey (Delhi) and Surjit memorial (Jalandhar) tournaments.

Veteran striker Dhanraj Pillay has not been able to find a place in any of the teams.

On the innovation front, the penalty shootout will be replaced by a "one-on-one". Gill explained that if extra time failed to produce any result, a new shootout will be held where a player would start with the ball from the 25-yard line and have eight seconds to score. Within that time, he can dribble past the goalkeeper or can also score from a rebound.

The IHF President said each of the seven teams would have three foreign players each in their ranks and negotiations were on to rope in some of the star players from abroad.

Maurits Hendricks, the coach of the Spanish team, has been re-appointed the consultant for PHL and he is busy shortlisting the foreign players.

The IHF President also gave a sort of ultimatum to Indian coach Vasudevan Baskaran, hinting that his job would be on the line if he did not deliver the goods (read gold) at the Doha Asian Games in December. "If we do well there (Doha), we would continue with the set-up we have. Otherwise, we would have to look around to get a good foreign coach," he added. India had finished 11th out of 12 teams in the World Cup in Germany, and Gill had then sounded a warning to the coach on the team's return home. Doha will afford another chance for Baskaran to shape up or ship out.

The seven teams

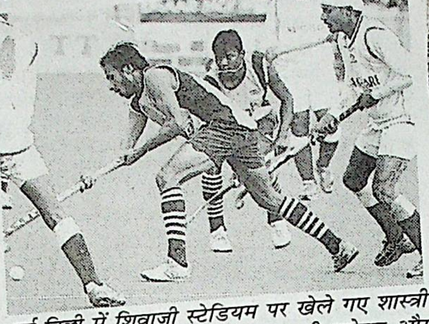
Sher-e-Jalandhar: Kanwalpreet Singh (capt), Maninder Singh, Kamaldeep Singh, Harpal Singh, Baljit Singh Saini, Prabhdeep Singh, Baljit Singh Dhillon, Gagan Ajit Singh, Devenderpal Singh, Jarnail Singh, Parminder Singh, Gurvinder Singh, Devender Singh, Tejbir Singh. Coach: Balwinder Singh Sami.
Chandigarh Dynamos: Rajpal Singh (capt), Baljit Singh, Swinder Singh, Jugraj Singh, Gurdeep Singh/Sandeep Singh, Jaswinder Singh, Prabhjot Singh, SS Gill, Deepak Thakur, Inderjit Chadha, Ravi Pal, Navdeep Singh, Sher Singh, Irshad Ali, Mandeep Singh. Coach: NS Sodhi.
Orissa Steelers: Dilip Tirkey (capt), Dinesh Ekka, William Xalxo, Jitender Saroha, Bimal Lakra, Jasbir Singh, Sandeep Sethi, Virender Lakra, Bikash Toppo, Sunil Ekka, Roshan Minz, Bruno H Lugun, Daman Deep Singh, Sanjay Yadav. Coach: AK Bansal.
Hyderabad Sultans: Devesh Chauhan (capt), Pekrelo, Saranjeet Singh, Harpreet Singh, Nitin Kumar, Vikrap Pillay, Johnson Ekka, Didar Singh, Ajitesh Rai, Sardara Singh, Amar Ayamma, Diwakar Ram, Rajinder Singh, Kulwinder Singh, Baljit Singh Chandi. Coach: Mukesh Kumar.
Maratha Warriors: Viren Rasquinha (capt), Adrian D'Souza, Gurpreet Singh, Anurag Raghuvanshi, Kuldeep Singh, Ajmer Singh, Gurbaaj Singh, Dhananjay Mahadhik, Gaurav Tokhi, Conroy Remedios, Gurvinder Singh Chandi, Hemant Gethe, Stanley Fernandes, Bharat Kumar, Shivender Singh. Coach: Mukul Pandey.
Bangalore Lions: Arjun Halappa (capt), Bharat Chhetri, PT Rao, Ajay Saroha, Len Aiyappa, Bikramjit Singh, VS Vinay, Ignace Tirkey, Gurpreet Singh, Hari Prasad, Tushar Khandekar, Sabhu Varkey, Laxman Rao, Sandeep Michael. Coach: Ramesh Parmeshwaran.
Chennai Veerans: Adam Sinclair (capt), PR Sreejesh, Shamnugasundaram, Muthuselvan, Raghunath, Sivabalan, Baljinder Singh, Senthil, Sunil Yadav, Vikram Kanth, Rehman, V Raja, Pramod Kumar. Coach: Mohammad Riaz.

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टाईब्रेकर की जीत से नामधारी को खिताब

नई दिल्ली, (राजेन्द्र सजवान): नौ पेनल्टी कारनरों पर नौसिखिया जैसा प्रदर्शन करने वाले नामधारी इलेवन ने अंततः टाईब्रेकर में पंजाब नैशनल बैंक को 3-2(4-3) से हरा कर 18वें लाल बहादुर शास्त्री हाकी टूर्नामेंट का खिताब जीत लिया। निर्धारित समय तक स्कोर 1-1 की बराबरी पर था। टाईब्रेकर में नामधारी के लिए अनमोलक, शेर सिंह और गुरविंदर सिंह ने गोल बनाए। बैंक के युद्धवीर सिंह और जतिंदर सरोहा के निशाने लक्ष्य पर रहे। सही मायने में ट्राईब्रेकर ही मैच का सही फैसला था। निर्धारित 70 मिनटों में दोनों टीमों ने बेहद नीरस और लक्ष्यविहीन खेल का प्रदर्शन किया। विशिष्ट अतिथियों में खेल मंत्री मणिशंकर अय्यर, सुखदेव सिंह ढ़ींढसा और अन्य कई हस्तियां मौजूद थीं। पहले हाफ में नामधारी द्वारा अर्जित सात पेनल्टी कार्नरों को खेल मंत्री ने साक्षात देखा और कहा कि यह हाल है तो हाकी क्या तरक्की करेगी। सभी नौ पेनल्टी कार्नर पर नामधारी के खिलाड़ियों की रणनीति फुस्स हुई। ओलिंपियन हरपाल, गुरचरण और साथियों में तालमेल की कमी साफ नजर आई। बाकी की कसर बैंक टीम के गोल कीपर जसबीर सिंह ने पूरी कर दी। ऐसे में तेज रफ्तार युद्धवीर की प्रशंसा भी अनिवार्य है जिसने नामधारी को पेनल्टी कार्नर योजना को अपनी स्पीड से ध्वस्त किया। बाल पहुंचने से पहले ही युद्धवीर की स्टिक बचाव के लिए आगे बढ़ जाती थी। उसने जहां पेनल्टी कार्नरों पर सुंदर बचाव किए तो दूसरे हाफ के दूसरे ही मिनट में दर्शनीय गोल जमा कर नामधारी को सकते में डाल दिया। प्रमोद कुमार के लंबे थ्रू पास पर युद्धवीर ने तेजी दिखाई। एक रक्षक को गच्चा दिया और गोलकीपर हरविंदर को बाडी डाज से पस्त कर रिवर्स हिट से गोल बनाया। पहले हाफ में बैंक टीम कुछ खास नहीं कर पाई। तालमेल की कमी तो थी ही बाल नियंत्रण और पोजीशनिंग भी दयनीय रहे। लेकिन दसरे हाफ में बैंक ने शुरूआती गोल के बाद प्रतिद्वंद्वी पर दबाव बना लिया। कप्तान विकास टोपो ने दो अवसरों पर बढ़त मजबूत करने के मौके गंवाए।



नई दिल्ली में शिवाजी स्टेडियम पर खेले गए शास्त्री हाकी के फाइनल में भिड़ते नामधारी इलेवन और पंजाब नैशनल बैंक के खिलाड़ी। (छाया : डोगरा)

Shastrihockey

Namdhari XI lift title

Uthra Ganesan
New Delhi, December 3

WAS heartbreak for Punjab National ...k in their maiden final of the Lal Ba... ...ur Shastri hockey tournament here Monday, when they lost the title in the ...ng minutes of the game to Namdhari

Despite being the dominant team for ...t of the match and trying their best to ...e, the bankmen failed to capitalise on several chances that came their way, ... paid the price.

...n contrast, the Namdharis, who won ...r second title in three attempts in the ...rnament, made the most of the few op...rtunities they got.

The first half of the match saw both ...ms taking only the occasional shot at ... goal, seemingly more content with ...ng up the opposition. PNB, however, ...t up the pressure and Namdharis' ...lkeeper Harjinder Singh deserved ...dit for managing to keep PNB for...rds — Pramod Kumar and Yudhvir ...gh in particular — at bay.

The second half, however, was a com...tely different affair, with the game ...king up pace by several notches. Three ...nutes after the restart, an unmarked ...amod passed on the ball to Yudhvir, ...o made no mistake in reverse-flicking past the Namdhari goalkeeper to put ...B in lead.



VIRENDRA SINGH GOSAIN/HT

Namdhari XI *(in white)* and Punjab National Bank players in action at the Lal Bahadur Shastri hockey tournament on Monday.

The Namdharis too went for broke and their efforts from both flanks resulted in several penalty corners, but PNB goal-keeper Jasbir Singh foiled every attempt.

PNB had several other chances, repeatedly penetrating the Namdhari defence and catching them off guard, but they failed to increase the lead.

Those missed chances came back to haunt them as Namdhari' Bachitar Singh levelled scores in the final minutes of the game. However, it looked like PNB were denied an advantage when captain Bikash Toppo, having entered the striking circle with a superb solo effort past a couple of Namdhari defenders, was tripped but there was no action taken.

With no extra-time played, the game went into a tiebreaker. Yudhvir and Jatinder Saroha scored for PNB while Gaganpreet Singh, Bikash and Banmali hit straight to the goalkeeper.

For the Namdharis, Anmolak Singh, Sher Singh and Gurvinder Singh found the target while Gurcharan Singh and Harpal Singh failed.

Dynamos down Hi-Fliers in first final

NITIN SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 7

ON Sunday, while addressing a press conference, Bangalore Hi-fliers' captain Tushar Khandekar had ...ed on the significance of converting the half chances to boost the likelihood of winning the fourth edition of Premier Hockey League. And on Monday, as Chandigarh Dynamos cruised to a 3-2 win over Bangalore Hi-fliers in the first of the best-of-three finals of the Premier Hockey League, Khandelkar must be wondering about the chances that his team missed during the action-packed encounter.

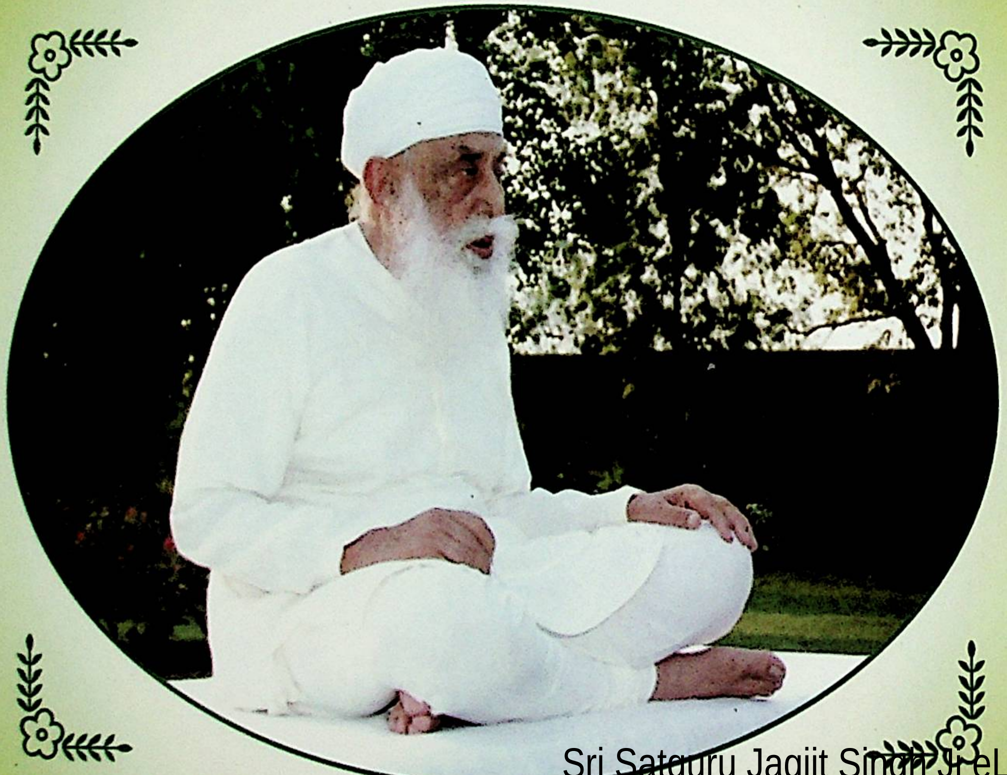
In a match which started on a fast note, Chandigarh Dynamos were more methodic in the start, working out their patterns from the ...dy flow in the ...t engineered by ...jpal Singh and Deepak Thakur in the absence of their star forward Prabhjot Singh. A dazzling strike by Sher Singh from a Sandeep Singh free hit in the second minute of the game put the Dynamos into an early lead before a brilliant save by Hi-fliers goalkeeper Bharath Kumar in the seventh minute. An attacking forward line combined with some individual brilliance from Dynamos skipper Rajpal Singh underlined the competence of Hi-fliers in the opening minutes of the game and when Rajpal scored the second goal through a striking backhander after dribbling past a couple of defenders, it only firmed the grip of the Dynamos in the first quarter of the game.

Hi-fliers shot back through an outstanding run by Vinaya and Arjun Halappa after a Dynamos attack, with Tushar Khandelkar setting it up for Sandeep Michael in the penalty area who netted the first goal for Hi-fliers thereby narrowing the lead in 13th minute Dynamos however took control of the match in the second quarter after Khandelkar and You Hyo Sik were involved in some fine runs for Hi-fliers in the early part of the second quarter. While Deepak Thakur and Rajpal Singh were conspicuous in their sallies, the midflied, marshaled commendably by Ghazanfar Ali along with Zeeshan Ashraf, kept the Hi-fliers frontline away from gaining any advantage even though Dynamos missed the services of Prabhjot Singh badly. Dynamos however struck again through Deepak Thakur, who scored the third goal for Dynamos after accepting a measured centre inside the 25-yard circle from Rajpal Singh.



The first final between Chandigarh Dynamos and Bangalore Hi-fliers in progress at Sector 42 Hockey Stadium on Monday. *Newsline photo Jasbir Malhi*

There was notable sparkle in the Hi-fliers approach in the last quarter, largely on the promptings by You Hyo Sik along with Tushar Khandelkar and Arjun Halappa as Hi-fliers gained five penalty corners in the last 12 minutes of the game. But with Drag-flick expert Len Aiyappa missing the mark for most of the time, Hi-fliers lost the short lived momentum. Dynamos goalkeeper Baljit Singh made a brilliant save off an Aiyappa shot in the 66th minute before Hari Prasad scored the second goal for Hi-fliers with the ball taking a deflection off Dynamos defender Zeeshan Ashraf in the 68th minute.



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DHANANJAY ROY
IN CHENNAI

More than anything else, India will be relieved to have come through with three points against their latest tormentors, China, in their opening game of the 7th Asia Cup at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium yesterday. And for a change they have not begun their campaign in a tournament on a losing note!

India's strategy of an all-out attack was clear from the opening whistle. It's a different matter that they could only manage a 1-0 win. Although they kept their opponents on the backfoot for virtually the whole game, India lacked those decisive and penetrative moves.

And the fact that a few decisions went against them didn't help their cause either. However, they didn't let that affect their game as veteran defender Dilip Tirkey made his presence felt once again with a hit off a penalty corner in the 48th minute.

India missed six other short corner chances. To their credit, the home team didn't allow the Chinese a free run on the pitch and conceded only one PC in the 60th minute of the game.

Earlier, Dutch umpire Michiel Bru Ning awarded India a penalty stroke in the 30th minute after striker Tushar Khandekar's goal bound shot was obstructed by Chinese defender Luo Fang Ming's body. However, he overruled the decision after consultation with the other umpire – Richmond Attipoe of Ghana who was standing metres away from the place where the incident took place. The other occasion when India came close to scoring was when Raghunath's drag-flick soared into the net in the 13th minute. But the Dutchman ruled that the ball had not been stopped cleanly.

RELIEVED AFTER WIN

INDIAN COACH Joaquim Carvalho refused to comment on the decisions and said he was happy with the overall umpiring. What's more, he was more relieved than happy after the victory. "I am relieved that the jinx of losing the first match during my coaching stint has been broken. We lost our first games at the Azlan Shah tournament as well as the Champions Challenge and put ourselves under some undue pressure. But now we can focus on the coming matches without having to worry much," he said.

Meanwhile, Chinese coach Kim Sang Ryul was glad that the Chinese are closing the gap on the former Olympic champions. "We were looking for a win today, but that didn't happen. Even then I am happy that we are putting up a close fight against India. That wasn't the case a few years back," he said. India will take on Sri Lanka today. The Lankans were walloped 12-2 by Korea yesterday.

Meanwhile, Pakistan beat Hong Kong 6-1 in one of the four other games with man-of-the-match Shakeel Abbasi scoring twice. Drag-flicker Mohammed Imran scored a brace as well.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Korea	12-2	Sri Lanka
Pakistan	6-1	Hong Kong
Bangladesh	13-0	Thailand
Malaysia	8-0	Singapore

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Korea	vs	Thailand
Malaysia	vs	Hong Kong
Japan	vs	Pakistan
China	vs	Bangladesh
India	vs	Sri Lanka

teamspotting | DHANANJAY ROY

Friday the 13th for Thais

BANGLADESH WAS off to a flying start thrashing a hapless Thailand outfit 13-0 thereby recording their biggest margin of victory ever. No wonder their coach Mahbub Harun was surprised.

"We hoped to do well, but the margin makes the scoreline look very impressive," he said. And the team comprising many players, who like to be identified by their nicknames like Pintu and Jimmy, are bracing up for sterner tests ahead.

They are scheduled to play India on September 4 and Harun hopes to put up a good fight. He is banking on striker Rasel Mahmud aka Jimmy to come up with yet another solid performance. Mahmud... oops... Jimmy won the man of the match award for his four goals yesterday.

TRULY IN LOVE

YOU MUST hand it to Inderpal Singh. The 66-year-old is hopelessly in love with hockey. Come a major tournament any where in the country and rest assured the Sardarji will be there at the venue with his customary yellow turban and a bell in hand.

The Delhi resident who is a permanent fixture at the National stadium and the Shivaji stadium is putting up at the Gurudwara near Chennai Central station and has to make do on a shoe string budget all the time.

So why does he follow the game with a maniac zeal? "I really don't know. I was a player first and once I stopped I made sure I was present at all matches at least as a spectator," says Singh who likes him to call himself a revolutionary.

And what is he revolting against these days? "We are protesting against the distribution of milk because I think it's unhealthy," he asserts.

GOAL BOUND


SACHIN HARALKAR

Sher Singh of Namdhari XI (left) scores a goal in front of Indian Navy goalkeeper Kalu Ram during their BHA Super League match yesterday. Namdhari XI stayed unbeaten in the league with a 5-1 win